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County versus possible 'flood'

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

Crawford County residents who are concerned about a possible flood where they live may now have a way to protect themselves from a flood-related incident.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution at their April 15 board meeting applying for flood insurance through the federal government, specifically the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). If the application is approved by FEMA, any county resident will be able to get flood insurance from his or her own insurance carrier.

In the book "Answers to Questions About the National Flood Insurance Program" put out by FEMA, the reasoning for being part of the program is given. The book reads, "Through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), property owners in participating communities are able to insure against flood losses. By employing wise flood plain management, a participating community can protect its citizens against much of the devastating financial loss resulting from future flood disasters."

Some of the county commissioners had been asked by residents about the possibility of flood insurance.

According to Crawford County Building and Zoning Director Joseph Duran, there is a threat of possible flooding for some homeowners in the county. If the water level in the rivers were high and the county received a heavy rain, then some residences could be in trouble, Duran said. Or if a dam failed somewhere in the county, then a flooding situation could result.

In the resolution approved by the county board, it states that certain areas of Crawford County are subject to periodic flooding, mudslides, or flood-related erosion.

The county had to pass the resolution to be considered for the federal flood insurance. The resolution sets an agreement between the county and FEMA that the county will enforce building of structures at or above the flood plain. The flood plain level is based on the highest water level in an area over the last 100 years.

The resolution states that the county will maintain adequate land use and control measures in the flood plain areas.

The county building and zoning director has the authority in regards to keeping any new building projects at or above the flood plain. Duran said the county has to show to the federal government that it is enforcing the flood plain level to allow for the structures to be insured.

According to Duran, he has seen in other areas where people have gotten around the flood plain requirement. These people want to have their home in a specific location, so they have the builders raise the foundation to meet the flood plain requirement.



Initial plans released for proposed Grayling Township recycling

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The details for the proposed recycling program in Grayling Township will not be finalized for awhile, but local officials have started the process and discussed various ideas.

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright, who presented the idea at the April 16 Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting, has already started looking at possible items to include in the proposed recycling center and possible problems the process may encounter.

Wright presented the recycling idea which had been discussed by Grayling Township board members to the county commissioners and also asked for help from the county in funding the program. The commissioners agreed at the meeting to provide some funding for each of the local municipalities in the county to start their own or join with other municipalities to handle recycling.

The final figures for the amount each municipality will receive from the county has not yet been determined. The county did decide that the money would be distributed to the townships and the City of Grayling for recycling based on population.

The preliminary plans at the Grayling Township level is to locate the recycling center where the current township trash compactor is at on North Down River Road. The initial plans call for a four-step system to handle the recycling.

According to the preliminary map, station one of the recycling center would be a place where brush and Christmas trees can be dropped off to be put into a brush chipper. In the same station residents could unload paper, glass, tin, plastic or magazines into various 40-foot trailers.

Station two of the proposed set up would be for use of the trash compactor which currently exists at the North Down River Road site. The third

section would be a composite area where leaves and grass could be piled.

The fourth and final station would be a normal recycling container for plastic containers, tin items and glass.

Wright said he believes that with this recycling center and the proposed items the township would take to recycle, about 60 percent of township trash could be recycled instead of putting into landfill. He also added

"There definitely is a need for a recycling center. It is the right thing to do."

— Terry Wright,
Grayling Township
Supervisor

that the 60 percent rate is not a goal, but would be attained on day one of opening such a township recycling center.

The proposed four-step process for the recycling center is designed to keep the recycling process moving. Wright said there already is a problem with traffic waiting to get into the trash compactor at certain times, and vehicles lined up out to North Down River Road.

This leads to potential problem which officials hope to solve. Wright said two lanes will be needed if there is enough room. This way more

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Area union pickets mental health board

by Lisa Hoffman
Staff Reporter

Members of AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) Council 25, recently picketed the board meeting at the Grayling office of North Central Community Mental Health.

The North Central Community Mental Health Residential Program, which covers Crawford, Roscommon and Wexford counties, was designed to provide seven adult foster care residential facilities, with 42 residents, with 24 hour care seven days a week.

The residents are individuals with serious mental illnesses, emotional disturbances or developmental disabilities. The agency is funded primarily from appropriations from the State of Michigan and Medicaid reimbursements.

Diane Rigotti, administrative director of Michigan AFSCME Council 25 read a speech before the board.

"Nearly one year ago, approximately 70 workers employed by the North Central Community Mental Health Board voted to form a labor union and to affiliate with AFSCME," Rigotti read.

"When these workers chose to form a union, they were exercising a basic right provided and protected by law. They have a legal and moral right to form a union and to bargain collectively over wages, hours and conditions of employment," Rigotti continued.

"However, a year has passed and these workers do not yet have an initial collective bargaining agreement or contract. From the record, it appears that those entrusted with managing community mental health services under this board are attempting to deny these workers their rights under the

law, or to circumvent the provisions of law and the normal conduct of labor-management relations under the law. Managerial conduct under this board has three times forced us to bring charges of unfair labor practice," Rigotti read.

According to Rigotti, the three instances were -- working hours were reduced in reprisal against union activists and a union activist was terminated based on protected activities. The final unfair labor charge resulted from the following: "despite 15 bargaining sessions only seven contract articles have been tentatively agreed upon, management representatives have been consistently late by periods of up to 90 minutes, have failed to comply with ground rules to which they previously agreed

and have failed to bargain in good faith within the meaning of the Public Employment Relations Act.

However, in a statement released by the North Central Community Mental Health Services and its executive director Gregory D. Paffhouse, the charges were disputed. According to Paffhouse, it is true that an employee was terminated, however, it was not based on union activities, but rather, work performance.

"As to the union's claim that working hours were reduced, this allegation is simply not true. In fact, the evidence submitted revealed that the three employees in question worked as many hours as they had previously and moreover, were offered many more hours and turned them down."

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CARRYING SIGNS — Members of an area union of workers carried signs, as they picketed the Grayling office of the North Central Community Mental Health.

Federal jury finds for Lt. Parker

A black mark on the Crawford County Sheriff's Office has been completely erased, after several lawsuit claims stemming from a May 10, 1993 incident were dismissed in U.S. District Court in Bay City.

The final sheriff's officer was dismissed on April 23 of all claims filed. The lawsuit which came about because of the 1993 incident involved Crawford County officials, Crawford County Sheriff's officers and other area organizations.

The suit was originally filed in U.S. District Court on May 10, 1995. According to court documents, the civil lawsuit stemmed from the May 10, 1993 incident involving the removal of Laura Ashley Temple from the home of her aunt, Kathy Temple Butler and the physical custody of her father, James O. Temple, Jr. by the Crawford County Sheriff's Office.

James O. Temple, Jr., a former Grayling resident, filed the lawsuit against the county officials and area organizations. Officials believe Laura Ashley Temple, the child; and her mother, Adelita Paz Temple went to Belize in Central America.

The civil claims against most of the county officials and departments were dismissed prior to the April 23 trial date. All claims against Sheriff's Lt. Jimmy Parker were dropped prior to the trial date except for the trespass claim and James O. Temple, Jr.'s individual federal due process claim.

According to officials, the trespass claim was dismissed before the trial. The federal due process claim was the only charge that was litigated by the attorneys in front of the jury members. The jury's verdict was entered on April 23 and the members found for the defendant, Parker.

The lawsuit and entire situation was a problem for the sheriff's office, said Crawford County Sheriff Dave Lovely. The weight of the situation has been lifted due to the dismissals and jury finding.

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GOING BACK TO TEACHING -- Grayling Elementary School principal, Ellen Thompson (far right) shares a moment with fourth grader David Connell (from left) and fifth graders Brandon Frisbie and Andrew Limmel.

photo by Lisa Hofman

Sheriff releases numbers

The staff at the Crawford County Sheriff's Office recently completed the year-end report for 1996. The report featured a list of the special happenings last year, a 1996 report for the area drug team, and a statistical case load reference for last year.

Sheriff Dave Lovely explained in the report some of the special things that occurred in 1996. He started with the opening of the county jail. The jail, which cleared final inspections in August, was only open for outside business for a few months. Lovely pointed out that the jail was still able to revenue approximately \$80,000 in the short time it was open.

The administration of the jail is listed under the sheriff's responsibilities. The jail staff is listed under the sheriff's authority. The jail can hold a maximum of 53 inmates. Lovely said so far the amount of inmates as ranged from 40 to 53.

Lovely also recognized the reinstatement of the animal control officer's position. According to Lovely, the animal control officer has had to handle a large portion of the county's complaint load. This position also doubles as the recreational vehicle officer. In the winter this officer is kept busy handling snowmobile issues and complaints.

The report contained the year-end figures of complaints handled by the sheriff's deputies. The officers handled 126 cases of a person operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor/per se. The officers also received 38 complaints of a driver impaired.

There were 26 instances of possession of marijuana which were handled by sheriff's deputies. Deputies also took part in 66 cases of abandoning or cruelty to animals in 1996.

The road patrol for the sheriff's office was kept busy handling 6,291 complaints in 1996. Officers gave out 1,584 tickets and handled 920 accidents throughout the year.

Road patrol officers also handled 330 family disputes, 179 burglaries, 210 larcenies, and 33 complaints of criminal sexual conduct.

The Strike Team Investigative Narcotics Group (STING) included its 1996 annual activity report in the sheriff's report. STING is made up of nine officers. Two of these officers come from Crawford County -- one from the sheriff's office and one from the Michigan National Guard.

In Crawford County for 1996, there were 16 STING cases initiated. There also were 38 arrest counts in Crawford County for 1996.

STING is made up of six northern Michigan counties. Crawford County had the second highest of intelligence reports filed by STING officers in 1996. There was a total of 14. Lovely explained that these intelligence reports involve checking the background of a suspect in the specific county for charges from other areas.

Thompson returns to teaching

Ellen Thompson, principal at Grayling Elementary School, has resigned from her position to take a teaching job in the Crawford AuSable School District.

"Teaching is the love of my life and I really missed it," Thompson said.

Thompson has a kindergarten through eighth grade teaching certificate with minors in science and math.

"I'm hoping to teach math and science at Grayling Middle School," Thompson said.

For five years Thompson has worked in the administration portion of school. Before she became the principal at Grayling Elementary School she was the kindergarten through eighth grade principal at Lewiston and was the assistant principal at Grayling Elementary School.

Before becoming an administrator Thompson worked for over seven years as a teacher in the Crawford AuSable Schools. "I started out teaching middle school math," Thompson said.

Thompson will serve as principal until her contract expires July 1.

"I believe she was an excellent administrator," said superintendent Kent Reynolds. "She was doing a great job."

According to school board president Lewis Madill Thompson's resignation is a loss for the administration, but a gain for the teaching staff.

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Frank and Bethany McCarrier of Prudenville are proud to announce the arrival of Kyle Scott McCarrier, born on April 18, 1997.

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James Horton and Kristy Gehart of Roscommon are proud to announce the arrival of Amber Rae, born on April 14, 1997.

Robert and Mary Peterson of Grayling are proud to announce the arrival of Amanda Louise, born on April 15, 1997.

Henley hired as receptionist

Ann R. Henley was hired into the position of Grayling Elementary School receptionist/secretary. The new hire was confirmed at the Crawford AuSable Schools Board of Education meeting held Monday, April 21.

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Poet's Corner

by Andria Howe

AuSable Primary first grader
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Outdoor show planned

Outdoor excitement will fill the northwest region May 10 thanks to a day of activities planned by State Rep. Allen Lowe.

The 105th District lawmaker invites area residents to check out hunting and sport exhibitions from noon to 4 p.m. at the Elk Rapids Sportsmen's Club.

"Bring the kids; the more the merrier," said Lowe (R-Grayling). "We have something for everyone. Best of all, admission is free."

The afternoon includes eight presentations on trapping and bow hunting by such organizations as the state Department of Natural Resources, National Rifle Association, United Sportsmen, Association of Bear Hunters, Michigan Trappers Association and the Pine Hill Kennel and Sportsmen's Club.

At least a dozen groups are sponsoring exhibits at the event.

"This is an event for the whole family," Lowe said. "Load the car and come see us. I encourage everyone in the area to participate."

For additional details call Lowe's office at (517) 373-0829.

Buddy Poppies are for sale

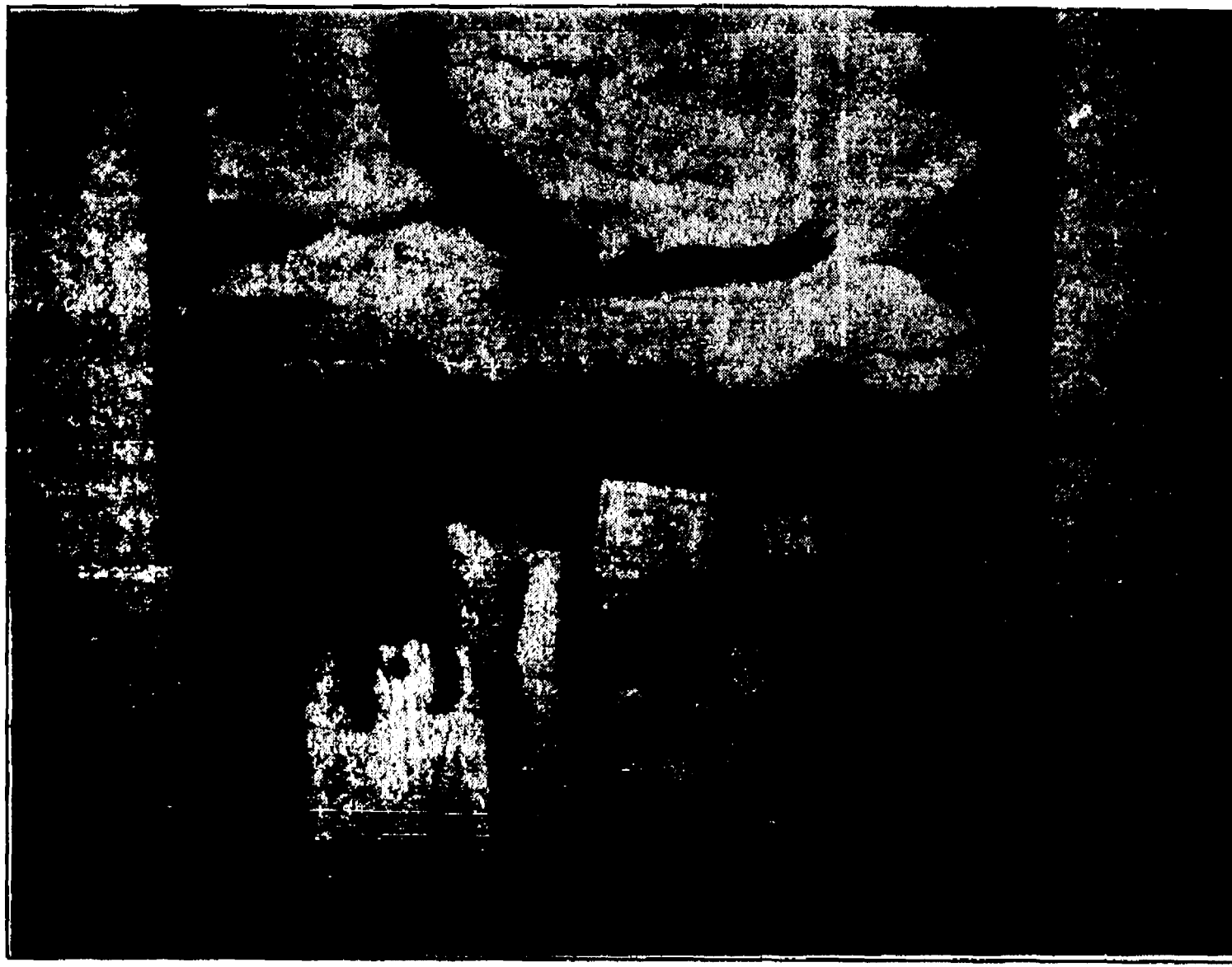
VFW Carl W. Borchers Post 3736 and Auxiliary will be selling "Buddy Poppies" in Grayling at Glen's, K-Mart, Post Office, Court House and many other locations on May 8-10.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States was the first veteran organization to promote a nationally organized campaign for the annual distribution of poppies assembled by disabled and needy veterans. The VFW conducted a poppy sale prior to Memorial Day, 1922, using only poppies that were made in France. In the 1923 poppy sale, due to the difficulty and delay in getting poppies from France, the VFW made use of a surplus of French poppies that were on hand and the balance were artificial flowers.

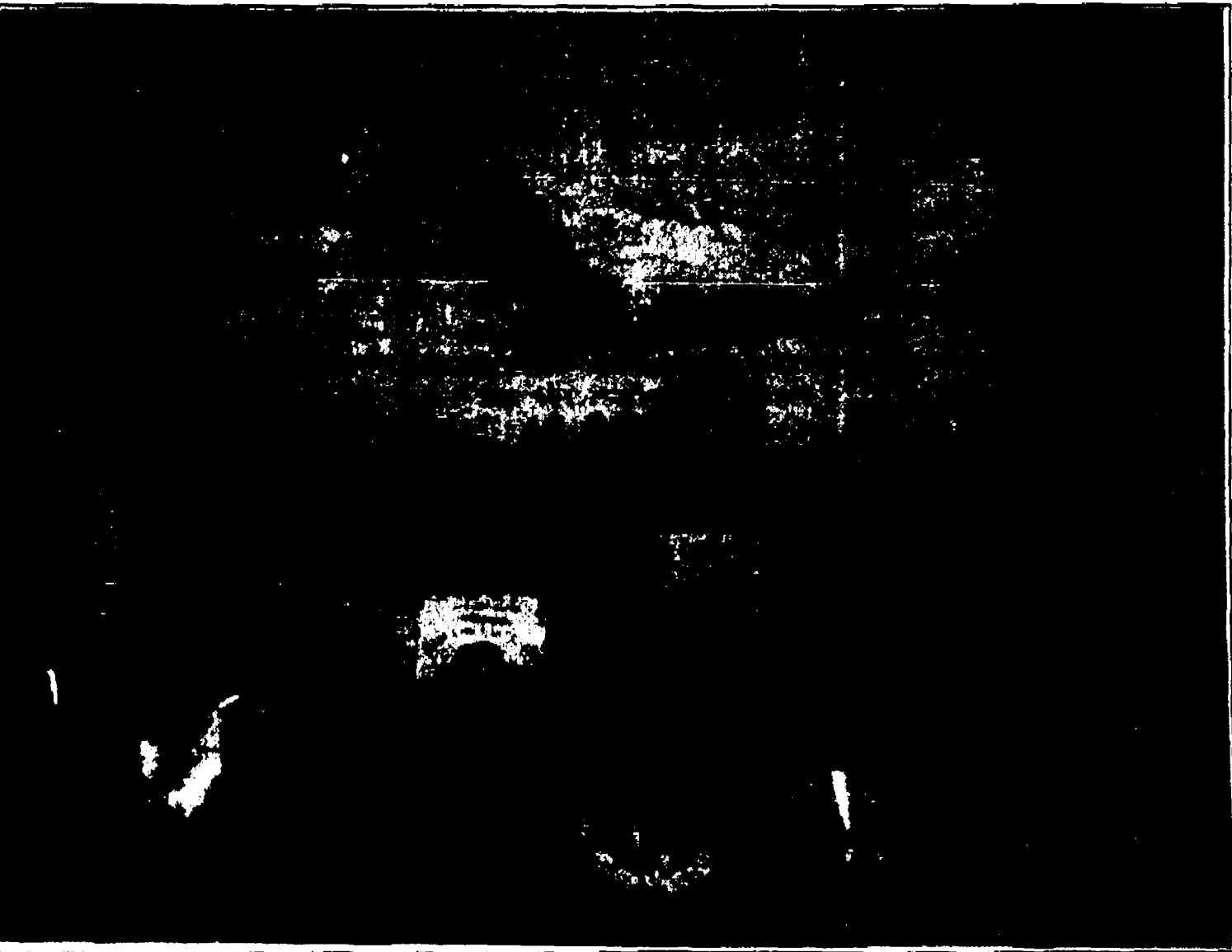
It was during the 1923 campaign that the VFW evolved the idea which resulted in the "VFW Buddy Poppy"—fashioned by disabled and needy veterans who were paid for their work as a practical means of providing assistance for these comrades. In February, 1924, the VFW registered the name "Buddy Poppy" with the United States Patent Office and a certificate was issued on May 20, 1924, granting the VFW all trademark rights in the name of "Buddy" under the classification of artificial flowers. The VFW has made that trademark a guarantee that all poppies bearing that name and the VFW label are genuine products of the work of disabled and need veterans.

From the very beginning, the Buddy Poppy project of the VFW has received the endorsement and cooperation of the director of the Veterans Administration, and the support of administrators and medical officers of government hospitals. All Presidents since Warren G. Harding have conveyed to the nation at large, endorsement and recognition of this VFW effort.

Today, VFW Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled, needy and aging veterans in VA Hospitals and domiciliaries across the country. The majority of proceeds raised through the sale of Buddy Poppies are used exclusively for aid to veterans and their dependents. Buddy Poppy proceeds represent no profit to any VFW unit. Proceeds are placed in the Relief Fund and used to support Veterans' Rehabilitation Services; the VFW National Home at Eaton Rapids, MI; and assistance to needy veterans and their families.



FEBRUARY'S BEST — The "most deserving students" at Frederic Elementary for the month of February were (front, from left): Rachel Gibbs, Corey Goodrow, Chad Perkins, (back) Chris Devine, Rachel Strelchuk, Chris Francis and Dustin Partello.



THEY DESERVE IT — Frederic Elementary School's most deserving students from March are (front, from left): Nicole Clark, Alex Rank, Laura Johnson, Krystal Patterson, (back) Chris Gosicki, Richard Flicker and Felicia Patterson.

DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

by Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter, North Higgins Lake State Park

I am not certain if this is the year or not, but if it is we will know for certain by mid June. As the soil warms and the days reach their peak of length we will awaken one morning to a soft mechanical sound. While it is a familiar sound, it is so seldom heard that we tend to relegate it to the back drawer of our memory.

There may be some clues to reawaken that memory, such as tiny golden shells clinging to bushes or tree trunks or a number of holes in the ground and above all there is that strange whirring noise. The 17-year cicadas will have again made their appearance. Some broods may be found over vast areas, mostly in the eastern part of the United States or perhaps confined to only a part of a state. Some cicadas emerge on a 13-year cycle while others do so on a 17-year cycle.

According to the entomologist, there are three distinct species which emerge in a brood. The largest is about one-and-a-half inches long with a black body, bright orange wing veins, orange abdomen, and orange legs with black tips. The mid-sized cicada is similar in coloration except the underside of the abdomen is black, while the abdomen of the smallest is striped with orange with completely orange legs. One entomologist cautions that

the 17-year cicada should not be confused with the annual cicadas that do not appear until July or even August. Old timers used to refer to them as "Dog Day Cicadas". None of the annual cicadas have the red eyes characteristic of the 17-year variety.

The life cycle of the 17-year cicada is not worthy to say the least. After mating (they live about one month after doing so) the female will lay eggs by making slits with her ovipositor in the twigs of trees. The female will lay 16 to 24 eggs in each slit which will hatch in six to eight weeks. The ant-sized nymphs fall to the ground where they burrow in. Once they have found a rootlet they feed upon the sap of the roots or stems by inserting tiny sucking beaks into the xylem layer. They will remain under ground for the next 13 to 17 years gradually growing larger in five stages. At the end of each stage they shed their outer skins.

Upon emerging from the ground they proceed to any vertical object, which is usually a tree. This they climb until they reach the upper branches where they repeat the mating cycle. The whirring sound you hear is made only by the male singing to attract the females. This insect presents quite a spectacle as the nymph emerges from its final skin to become adult. If

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Richard Milliman

Term limits, line item veto targeted

FEDERAL COURTS have stepped into a couple of areas, halting at for now, a couple of generally popular government reforms.

In California, U.S. District Judge Claudia Wilken ruled California's term limits for state lawmakers are too restrictive.

In Washington, U.S. District Judge Thomas Jackson ruled the line item veto law adopted by Congress last year violates the U.S. Constitution.

California's term limits law was passed by a statewide vote. So was Michigan's. The movement generally has minimal support within governments, but the people tend to embrace it.

Many state governors already exercise the line item veto. Michigan has the provision. Again, it usually wins popular support as a guard against padding spending bills with pork barrel local projects.

As a rule, government executives like the idea, lawmakers don't.

Both questions will go higher. The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to take up the line item veto later this year. Judge Wilken suspended her term limit ruling pending appeal.

THE LINE item veto law, enacted a year ago but not yet used by President Clinton, allows the President to veto particular items in spending bills, and certain limited tax provisions.

Congress can't give away that power, the judge ruled.

"...Even if Congress may sometimes delegate authority to impound funds," Judge Jackson wrote in a 37-page ruling, "it may not confer the power permanently to rescind an appropriation or tax benefit that has become the law of the United States."

"That power is possessed by Congress alone, and according to the framers careful design, may not be delegated at all."

The law was challenged by six members of Congress, headed by long serving Sen. Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, who over the years has funneled millions and millions of federal dollars into his home state. He saw the decision as "a great victory for the American people."

Many others might reply: "Well, not exactly."

THE TERM LIMIT decision causes endangered lawmakers to rub their palms in glee, including a large

Michigan contingent.

The California law, like Michigan's, limits state legislators either to three two-year terms, or two four-year terms.

California's law would keep lawmakers from ever running for their seats again—even if they leave office and then try to return.

That goes too far, Judge Wilken wrote.

"California's extreme version of term limits imposes a severe burden on the right of its citizens to vote for candidates of their choice," she wrote.

That's roughly the same argument opponents of Michigan term limits offer — that it's wrong to prevent citizens from voting for candidates they want, just because they've already served six or eight years in the same office.

The California decision almost surely will make its way through the federal court system. Michigan's version may well end up in court, too.

LACKING SOME sort of judicial interference, in 1998 almost 70 of the present 110 Michigan house members can't run again.

Next year will be the last election the state senate, with four year terms,

will be exempt from term limits.

Some reports indicate term limits are creating disquiet in the present legislature. Some house members, reluctant to leave office, are lining up outside jobs, others are running for the senate against sitting senators, still others openly campaign for other state or local elective office.

There's probably some truth to reports of political trauma.

But it's not fair to judge term limits by the transitional period. Once the disruption of the next few years is past, it may turn out just fine that the legislature is composed of folks who take on the job for a few years, then go back home to live under the laws they have created.

Citizenship, not politics, may become paramount in the process.

That's what's behind the whole idea.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Restriction of playground equipment questioned

To the editor,
We that have signed this letter are writing to voice our opinion concerning the restriction of the playground equipment provided for our children at the AuSable Primary School.

We are speaking our opinion because our children are not allowed to play on the equipment, due to the "lame" so-called excuse that they are trying to grow grass. So that raises the question, why couldn't the grass grow through the summer break while no one is there? Our children are now playing on the football field without any entertainment or toys other than what they bring from home. We were told that one piece of equipment was being delivered on April 25 for the children to play on. The question there is how many children can enjoy that one piece of equipment, with at least two classrooms out for recess at a time. Also we are upset because the equipment will not be able to be used all year. Then the plan will change next year regarding the Elementary School playground under the same terms at AuSable Primary.

We also feel that the decision concerning this issue was made without

the opinion of the public. Why is this, when we the public "taxpayers" are the one's being affected. Why was no one informed about this issue? These are a few questions that we have no answers for. Next question: out of the thousands of dollars that were raised for equipment, why haven't there been any purchased other than the one piece being delivered on April 25? Where is the money and when is the rest going to be purchased? One individual was told that one piece would be purchased per year. So this means by the time the money is used our children will not have the opportunity to take advantage of the money they raised. We ask why can't it all be purchased at once and be done with. Then the question would be answered concerning the funds that were raised for the purchase of the playground equipment. So, do we feel as a community that grass is more important than the children's physical exercise?

Concerned persons should contact either the principal of AuSable Primary or the superintendent of Crawford AuSable Schools.

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VIEWPOINT

By James Briney, Managing Director of The Road Commission For Crawford County

Frost and Dust

You know spring has come to our community when The Road Commission For Crawford County receives inquiries about lifting frost laws and providing dust control, on the same day. In recent days these topics have generated sufficient interest, that the following specific information is provided, so you will be aware of factors considered when decisions are made pertaining to these areas of concern.

Frost laws go into effect when you see load limit signs posted on various roads throughout our state. This is done each spring on our road system, when frost comes out of the ground, to mitigate the amount of damage caused to a given road. When the forces of nature, combined with the weight and speed of trucks and machinery converge, normal spring break-up is exacerbated.

In our county this year, weight and speed restrictions have been in effect since Friday, March 7. The Road Commission For Crawford County applies load limits to the entire primary and local road system, with the exception of:

- Old-27, County Line to County Line
- 612: Old-27 East to I-75
- Four Mile Road: I-75 to Railroad Crossing
- Sherman Road: North County Line to landfill

We work with all of the surrounding road commissions: Kalkaska, Otsego, Oscoda and Roscommon, as well as the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to determine when roads are posted with limits and when restrictions are lifted. For three years we have coordinated these

decisions with others, so traps are not created for haulers and commercial users of the public road system, as they transport goods from one county to another.

Luke Houlton, engineer-manager of the Oscoda County Road Commission, keeps track of area temperatures and applies a formula which is used to predict when frost will be out of the ground. Less sophisticated indicators are used as well. They include digging in shaded areas and taking into account when restrictions are lifted in counties south of us, by region, according to MDOT.

Several meetings, hosted by your Road Commission, have included owners and representatives of the companies that rely on the use of public roads to satisfy just-in-time deliveries of wood and other goods. When we get to the tail end of the season and are figuring out the best time to eliminate frost restrictions, we do not always hit the exact date everyone would like us to. But, doing the calculus of all considerations, we do what we must to preserve the only road system we have. Commercial haulers have a right to use public roads, but not to destroy them.

Sooner than it may seem, winter will be behind us...for another six months. Some roads will then become dry and dusty. That is why The Road Commission For Crawford County continues directly to offer limited dust control service, at a time when other public transportation agencies have long since abandoned this practice altogether.

Following is a summary of facts and information related to the topic of dust control. Some of this information has

been included in a previously published Avalanche news article, and all of it presented to township boards.

• The two Road Commission brine wells have been upgraded, and the costs are being recovered over a five-year period.

• The Road Commission For Crawford County meets or exceeds Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requirements, and will work with the DEQ and citizens to see that this remains so.

• Priorities for dust control include roads where gravel is being hauled by The Road Commission, and where gravel is being added to roads.

• All six of the township supervisors have been presented with a set of options for dust control, along with information about costs. A document outlining The Road Commission concerns, considerations and choices was sent to each township on March 6. A follow-up meeting was held, prior to the dust control season, so each local unit of government may have time to consider what, if anything, they would like to do about providing additional service.

• Townships, individuals and businesses may contract with the private sector, or The Road Commission, to have a specific road brined, any number of times, on a cost-per-mile basis.

• Oil field brine may not be used in Crawford County, but mineral brine and products such as Dow Flake are allowed.

All of these actions have been taken at a time when we receive as many complaints for using the brine available to us, as we have requests for its use.

Animal shelter gives help, asks for help

To the editor,

Her name is Sweet Pea. When she came to the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, she was nearly starved to death. She had been tied out nearly all winter with no fat to keep her warm. Her gentle brown eyes had little sign of life in them. She was so weak she could barely walk, her tail hung because there was not enough life left in her to pick it up. Not only had her body used all of the fat that was meant to keep her warm, she had also used a lot of her muscle to stay alive. She had pressure sores on several parts of her body, because she was just bones holding up her dehydrated skin. She should have weighed 50 to 60 pounds, but she tipped the scales at 33 pounds.

After a few days of vitamins, supplements, very small amounts of food and water, Sweet Pea's eyes started to show signs of life and her tail occasionally wagged. Her exercise time was limited because she needed to use her muscles but couldn't be allowed to wear off what she appeared to be gaining. Her body rehydrated and two weeks later she was beginning to look pretty good. I took her to the vet's office and put her on the scales. She had lost two-tenths of a pound.

This is not uncommon but she looked so much better and had so much life I was shocked. One of the girls at the vet's office named her Sweet Pea because of her beautiful brown eyes and her gentle nature. The following week we went to visit Dr. Mesack once again. This time Sweet Pea weighed 48 pounds. We have a healthy dog who weighs nearly what she should.

Sweet Pea loves everyone. She likes other dogs and cats, and her tail wags for each person who walks through the shelter door. What will happen to her? Rehabilitating a starved animal is not easy. Food has to be rationed so as not to make them ill and a lot of time is spent trying to keep their spirits up. Everyone becomes emotionally involved. She would not be the first dog I had ever fattened up just to kill in the end. If that happens, she will at least have known a lot of love. She no longer feels hunger, and she has had a soft bed and a warm place to sleep since she came to us. There are many Sweet Pea's in Crawford County.

If we cannot find a piece of property and get enough money to build a new animal shelter, there will be no more soft, warm beds for dogs like Sweet

Pea. They will remain tied to their dog houses until they succumb to the starvation and their bodies can no longer go on. There will be no place to take the eight kittens left in a box at Glens Market by the dumpster for several days before someone notices them and the six puppies dumped alongside the road starving, will probably stay there until they have all been run over or die from something else.

This is not how I want things to end. I have not worked for the last six years and not taken home a paycheck to just give up because the Road Commission wants their property back. But, I sure don't have the money to build a new animal shelter. Without this community's help it cannot happen. The life will slowly leave the eyes of the Sweet Pea's in Crawford County and no one will even notice until it is too late. It's your choice, not mine.

Dixie Lobsinger, Director of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County

Task force members inform public about proposed race-track facility

To the editor,

The Raceway Task Force would like to inform the citizens of Crawford County of some of the progress that has been made on the Edges Raceway Project. First, to clear up some misinformation, Crawford County is still and always has been in contention for the Edges Project. We know Lake County has been looked at also as a possible site for the raceway. Mr. Parmelee has a three-year window of opportunity to get this project completed. Crawford County is the preferred site for the Edges Raceway. Next, a site has been tentatively selected for the raceway. It is one mile north of Grayling High School, between Old-27 and I-75.

The goal was to have a public hearing sometime in April so the community could share their opinion either for or against, and any questions could be answered. Unfortunately, there is a few more details that have to be worked out before we can proceed with the hearing process. We now are hoping to have a hearing sometime in late May or early June. A project of this size takes time and we ask for everybody to be patient while this process is being undertaken.

Mr. Parmelee has been prompt in responding to any questions or information we have asked for. It is very important to remember the Edges Project is not asking for any financial support for the Raceway Project from

the community. Supporting the concept of the raceway is what is only being asked of the community. We hope that the citizens of Crawford County realize that the Task Force is a fact-finding group and is obtaining information for the citizens of the community. In no way is the Task Force acting, or making decisions for, the community.

It is very important that the community gets involved by asking questions about the Edges Raceway Project. We still have a hotline established to receive your questions. The phone number is 517-344-3109. Please don't be afraid to call.

In closing, we would like to say that the DNR, DEQ, and the National Guard have been very helpful to the Task Force and very prompt in getting questions answered. Remember, when we do have a public hearing it is your job to attend.

Fred Fedak and John Schneider, Task Force Members

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AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community news items submitted to the Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in our Wednesday issue.

Letters to the Editor and photographs must be turned in by Friday noon to be considered for the next issue. Please use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid in advance or they will not be published. Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday, 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday, 5 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not reflect the views of the Crawford County Avalanche.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line.

Every letter must be signed and an address and phone number should be included. Letters will not be published without the author's name.

Letters are limited to 500 words. All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

NEWS

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BRIEFS

Calvarymen to be in concert

The Calvarymen will be in concert on Sunday, May 4 at Markey Baptist Community Church, 4736 Flint Road, Roscommon.

Celebrate prayer day at county building

The National Day of Prayer will be celebrated at 12:20 p.m. on Thursday, May 1 at the Crawford County Building in Grayling.

Eagles hold drawing

The Grayling Eagles No. 3465 sportsmans raffle winners were recently announced. Renee Wireman won the first prize Oscoda canoe. Don Bowers won the second prize golf outing. Michele Steely won the third prize pop-up deer blind. All three are from Grayling.

Fellowship awarded to Bobenmoyer

Sara Bobenmoyer of Grayling has received a graduate fellowship from Central Michigan University. She is pursuing a master's degree in school psychology. She received a \$7,000 award plus tuition reimbursement for up to 30 credit hours during the 1997-98 academic year. Bobenmoyer, the daughter of Keith and Joy Bobenmoyer, earned a bachelor's degree from CMU.

Gale, McMillan to earn MSU degrees

Kristopher Gale and Michael McMillan, both of Grayling and Michigan State University degree candidates. Both students are candidates for a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry. They are set to graduate on Friday, May 2 on the campus of MSU.

Kustra, St. Germain earn scholarships

Christy M. Kustra and Jessica M. St. Germain are among the prospective freshmen who have been selected to receive scholarships from Western Michigan University. Kustra, daughter of Gilbert and Nancy Kustra, earned the WMU Academic Scholarship. St. Germain, daughter of Gerald St. Germain and Deborah St. Germain, earned the University Excellence Award. Both students attend Grayling High School.

Mother and daughter banquet

The Frederic Hobby Club will hold their annual Mother and Daughter Banquet, on Monday, May 12, at 5:30 p.m. at the Frederic Hobby Club located on West County Road 612. This banquet is for mothers and daughters of the community. Please bring a dish and your own table service. To register call 348-8368 or 348-7549.

MS support group to meet in Roscommon

A Multiple Sclerosis support group meeting will be held Saturday, May 3 at 2 p.m. at the Roscommon Community Center. A video will be shown and everyone is welcome.

NARFE to hold monthly meeting

The regular meeting of the North Central Area Chapter No. 19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held Tuesday, May 6, at the Houghton Lake Community Building, at 2 p.m. The guest speaker will be John Rosczyk.

Poet, jazz trio to be in Grayling

The next scheduled evening of poetry at Friend's and Company Coffee House will feature Gerry Lafemina on Friday, May 2 from 7-9 p.m. On Saturday, May 3, the sounds of jazz will be heard as the Jeff Haas Trio plays from 7-9 p.m. at the coffee house.

Prayer gathering to be held for Harvest

A prayer gathering for the Harvest concert will be held at Abundant Life Tabernacle at 7:14 p.m. on Thursday, May 1. All interested in participating or helping are invited.

Stage Door Canteen 1997 dinner dance

On Friday, May 2, the Tuxedo Junction Big Band will be performing a USO dance at the Grayling Holiday Inn. The band will perform from the original charts of Artie Shaw, Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey. The band dresses in authentic United States Army uniforms, right down to the correct military patches worn by the Glenn Miller Band in 1944. For tickets call 348-7641, ext. 123 or 120.

Swiss steak dinner to be held

A Swiss steak dinner will be held Thursday, May 1, from 5-7 p.m. at Michelson Memorial Methodist Church in Grayling. Pick up orders must be called in by 4 p.m. and picked up by 5 p.m.



The Sheriff's Department of Crawford County dealt with the following 102 incidents from April 21 through April 28:

Ambulance (1), Fire (1), Good Intent (1), Criminal Sexual Conduct (2), Assault (2), Burglary (4), Larceny (4), Fraud (1), Obstruction of Justice (2), Public Peace (5), Citations (2), Health and Safety (18), Conservation (5), MiscCrim (2), Minors (3), Accidents (15), Non-traffic Accident (1), False Alarm (4), Civil/FT (3), Suspicious Situation (6), Missing Person (2) and General Non-Criminal (18).

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

by Tracie Compton

Dress your house for success presented by Sherry Hanson will be May 21 at 7 p.m. at the Crawford County Library.

Hanson will discuss how to sell your house for the best price in the least amount of time and give tips and ideas on preparing your home to sell. Hanson will also answer questions on sprucing up your house and encourage you to look at your home as an investment with "Curb Appeal".

Hanson will show a 15-minute video entitled Dress Your House For Success which covers a six-step checklist to

get you started in enhancing your home's value.

Hanson is with Century 21 as a sales consultant and has 23 years experience in the financial field.

"Ask the Expert" is a series of programs starting at Crawford County Library to allow you to learn from the experts for free.

For more details call the library at 348-9214. The Crawford County Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



PANCAKE SELLER -- Lloyd Winkler (left) is presented a \$100 check by Grayling Middle School forensics coach Bob Gorski. Winkler had outstanding sales for the pancake breakfast.

photo by Craig Hofman

BITS OF TALK

by Fay Bovee — 348-7017

Oops! In last week's column it should have read that Don and Elsie Jansen furnished the special cake for coffee hour at St. John Lutheran Church on Sunday morning, April 20, following the baptismal service for Jordan Jessica Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Tessin of Grayling are pleased to announce the marriage of their granddaughter, Sharon Wicklund to Mr. Dixon. They will reside in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Sharon is the daughter of Kimberly Tessin of Gaylord and Bill Wicklund of Albuquerque and attended school in Grayling up to her junior year.

Besides all of the people who helped to sweep and pick up in the downtown area, we've seen a few other people out with their brooms trying to get rid of some of the winter grime. Dave Wiltse was seen sweeping off the winter sand at the Tanning Salon lot and some young man was sweeping the sidewalk on the corner of Peninsular and Ionia. The Shaw apartment house continues to look better every day as more siding is put up. For a moment we thought we were back in Europe where shop keepers are seen washing their front steps, etc. — we spied Mary Coy out washing the front of her corner building, Mary's Book Shop. The snow plows throw much snow and salty slush up on the sides of the building in that area.

Bob Ruddy has been working on a new beaver exhibit at the Crawford County Historical Museum. The board will hold its first meeting of the season

on Tuesday evening, May 6, in preparation for getting ready to open on the Memorial weekend, starting Saturday, May 24. Some of the local merchants are helping to advertise the museum and will be seen wearing their museum sweatshirts on the opening day. Thanks to Donna Carmean at J. Dap and Paula Edlund at The Framery II.

Jack Perry and wife, Holly, are returning from Florida to their home in Harrisville. Jack is recovering from surgery and anyone wishing to write to him, his address is: 1375 Everett Road, Harrisville, MI 48740-9571.

At the regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling on Monday, May 20, two new members joined and were inducted into membership: Lynn Porritt-McConville and Tim Stephan. Welcome! Kiwanis is a service club that aids many community projects in the area.

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Be Kind to Animals Week
beginning May 4th.

THURS. 1	<p>• SWISS STEAK DINNER @ Michelson Memorial Methodist Church, 5-7 pm. \$5.50 & \$3. Pick-up orders must be called by 4:30 pm, picked up by 5 pm. No deliveries.</p> <p>• PLAY GROUP meets @ Michelson Memorial Methodist Church, 2-3 pm. Call Joell Gabriel @ 348-6389, for more information.</p> <p>• TOPS MEETING @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. Call Mary Kay @ 348-1398 for more information.</p> <p>• AUSABLE VALLEY SNOWMOBILE ASSOC. meeting @ Grayling Holiday Inn, 7 pm.</p> <p>• AMICARE HOME HEALTHCARE Community Bereavement Support Group @ St. Mary's Learning Center, 3-5 pm.</p> <p>• GRAYLING EAGLES AUXILIARY elections for secretary, trustee and delegates, 4 pm. Meeting to follow at 7 pm.</p>
FRI. 2	<p>• FREDERIC ELEMENTARY annual school carnival, 5-8 pm.</p> <p>• COMMUNITY ED DINNER THEATER "Stage Door Canteen", @ Holiday Inn, 6 pm.</p> <p>• JUMP ROPE FOR HEART @ Grayling Elementary parking lot (weather permitting) 10 am-2 pm.</p>
SAT. 3	<p>• MS SPRING PLAY auditions, 7:30 pm.</p>
SUN. 4	<p>• ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.</p> <p>• BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK begins.</p>
MON. 5	<p>• ANNUAL DISTRICT REPORT to the Board of Education Night @ AP cafeteria, 6-10 pm.</p> <p>• KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon.</p>
TUES. 6	<p>• ABCs OF PARENTING CLASS @ AuSable Primary, 6:30-8 pm.</p> <p>• AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON joint meeting @ Mio AuSable Restaurant, 7 pm.</p> <p>• ADHD PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP meeting @ 615 S. Elm, Gaylord, 7 pm. Call (517) 732-3529 for more information.</p>
WED. 7	<p>• WEIGHT WATCHERS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West. Weigh-in, 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. for more information call Sandy, 348-5321.</p> <p>• ROTARY CLUB meeting @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon.</p>

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The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

Two religions

In Genesis 3, Adam and Eve were confronted with a choice of two belief systems. Their first choice was to believe and obey the Word of their creator-God. The second choice was to believe Satan incarnate in the serpent. Satan said to Eve, (Genesis 3:1-3) "...Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden. And the woman said unto the serpent, we may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: (3) But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die." Satan first challenged God's Word then Eve altered God's Word as God had commanded Adam in Genesis 2:16,17.

Satan then denied God's Word and presented to Eve his new religion. (Genesis 3:4-5) "...Ye shall not surely die: (5) For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods,

knowing good and evil." Satan promised humans the right to become their own gods and to determine their own morality. But, they must first obey Satan, and thereby disobey God and His Word.

Eve found Satan's new religion exciting. (Genesis 3:6) "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, (lust of the flesh) and that it was pleasant to the eyes, (lust of the eyes), and a tree to be desired to make one wise, (the pride of life), she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." Satan, the god of this world, had blinded Eve into choosing sin and death. (2 John 2:16).

Adam and Eve brought spiritual sin and death upon the human race that day by disobeying God and obeying Satan. God in mercy, provided salvation by grace for them through the shed blood and death of innocent substitutes which provided a coat of

righteousness for them. (Genesis 3:21) "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them." This pictured God's salvation of grace Christ would later purchase for them at Calvary. (2 Cor. 5:21) "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

Only two religious choices remain. Believe God's Word and trust the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin and eternal life, or trust Satan's works unto death and his promise of reincarnation into little gods.

Pastor "B"

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

Music ministry planned in Grayling

The music ministry of Gary DeHaan and Kenny Frontz will be presented at the Grayling Assembly of God Church on Sunday, May 4, at 10:30 a.m.

Kenny Frontz has traveled with DeHaan for the past 15 years. He sings, plays the violin and shares the keeping power of the Lord Jesus.

The highly successful children's cassettes "Kurds 'n' Whay". People will not want to miss this concert. Come out and enjoy an exciting time of music and fellowship. For more information, feel free to call the church at 348-8885.

For the past 20 years, DeHaan has traveled all over the United States in over 200 churches per year. He sings, plays the piano and shares the wonderful love of God. A former drug addict, his life is one of heartache and victory. People will laugh and people will cry when they hear the wonderful miracles that have taken place in DeHaan's life.

Together, DeHaan and Frontz have recorded over 33 albums, including

25th Anniversary to be held

The members of Calvary Baptist Church will hold a special service Sunday, May 4, to honor Sr. Robert Barnett's 25 years of ministry in Grayling. Under his leadership, Calvary Baptist moved from its

original location to a new site on M-72 West.

Shortly thereafter Calvary Baptist Academy was founded. In addition to his duties at Calvary Baptist and pastor and administrator of the academy, he has distinguished himself as an authority on Bible Preservation.

Dr. Barnett has authored a book on the subject, "The Word of God on Trial", which has been distributed internationally. He also serves on the administrative boards of both national and state religious organizations.

His column, "The Bible Speaks", appears weekly in the Avalanche, he conducts Bible studies at the Crawford County Jail and is a state prison chaplain.

A 2 p.m. service will be held at Calvary Baptist Church to honor both pastor and Mrs. Donna Barnett. The public is invited to attend.

Promise Keepers event upcoming

The Promise Keepers met recently at the Assembly of God Church for a breakfast meeting. Rev. Ron Voelker and his men prepared the meal.

Numerous items were discussed with the main topic being the new Christian Teen Center at the Fred Bear Memorial Center at Hanson Hills. The activity is in full swing with six churches and more than 20 private business owners supporting the effort.

The upcoming Promise Keepers event to be held in the Pontiac Silverdome on May 3 was discussed recently by local members.

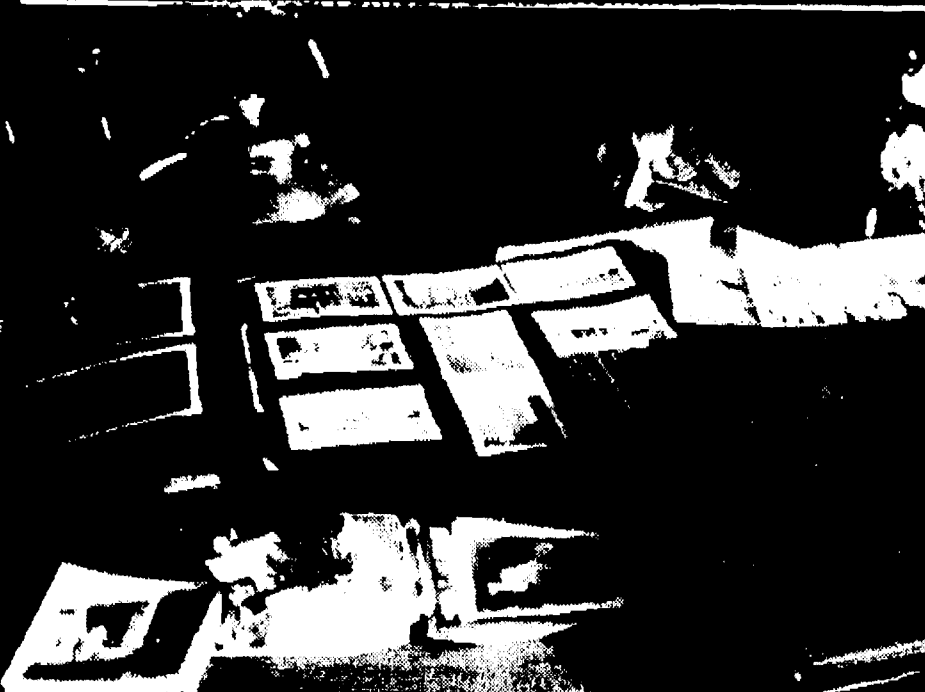
Persons with specific questions can call Neal Michal at 348-6592.

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Church Directory

What a pleasure...browsing through the family photo album. Many a rainy afternoon has been passed reviewing our lives and those of relatives. How strange they look to us now. How strange we look to us now. Past styles in hair and clothing make us laugh. How could we have thought that dress was so pretty or that faddish hairdo so chic? How incredible the changes in fashion and in the faces of those we know. Some photos are likenesses of those we do not know...so old they are cracked around the edges...those who have gone on. How many questions we ask. There is one question that may not come to mind. Was God in their lives? That is the most important question of all. Is God in your life? Is there a place for God in the story of your life? Visit God in His sanctuary this week. Make a place for Him in your life. You will look back and smile.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Isaiah 66:1-24	Jeremiah 23:1-8	Psalms 33	Psalms 34	John 3:1-21	John 13:1-17	John 13:15-31



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First Baptist Church Of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 p.m.

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor J. Douglas Paterson
400 Michigan Ave.
348-2974
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stranell
Phone 348-4445
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting Tues 7 p.m.

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm St. Gaylord
Sacrament 10 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Primary 11 a.m.
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Grayling Christian Fellowship
Pastor Leonard Hall
Full gospel, multi-cultural church
(517) 348-0149
Sunday 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Sherry McGuffin
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Military vets visit, vaccinate pets

The mission was called the "Army Humanitarian Aid to a 'Remote Village'." At least that is how the execution paragraph of the Operations Order of the 94th Medical Detachment (Veterinarian Medicine) based out of San Antonio read during their evaluation exercise this month.

They were deployed to Phelps-Collins Air National Guard Base in Alpena. Alpena served as their base for operations from which they sent teams of three to remote sites, in this case Grayling Army Airfield.

Although the notification time of less than 24 hours made coordination a challenge, the veterinarian team provided vaccinations to nearly 50 pets (dogs and cats). The free of charge service was provided on April 18 to 24 pets of National Guard service members and 25 animals from the

Animal Shelter of Crawford County.

This was the first time such a service was offered. The unit is based out of Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and was with the main body of the unit at Phelps-Collins Air National Guard Base in Alpena.

Members of the team were Maj. (Dr.) R. Randall Thompson, Sgt. Melinda Hunter, and Sgt. Michael Jacobson, all of Fort Sam Houston.

Dixie Lobsinger, director of the animal shelter, wrote a letter of appreciation to the National Guard members involved.

"Thank you so much for the opportunity to have the Animal Shelter's animals vaccinated. It is the first time I have had all of my shelter animals vaccinated," Lobsinger wrote in the letter.



VET HELPS — Sgt. Scott Carr of Waters looks on as Maj. (Dr.) R. Randall Thompson vaccinates a pet. The military vet provided vaccine to nearly 50 pets recently at no cost to the animal shelter and soldiers.

Jobless rate drops for the month

The region's and county's unemployment rate in March both dropped slightly when compared to the month of February.

Crawford County took a significant drop, reaching single digits for March's unemployment percentage. The county had a total civilian labor force of 5,225. This leaves the March unemployment rate at 9.5 percent. This is a drop from the 10.3 percent posted in February.

The northern Lower Peninsula region also saw a decline in its total unemployment percentage. The northern Lower Peninsula's unemployment rate in March was 10.1 percent, which was 0.3 of a percentage point lower than the rate posted in February for the area and 0.1 of a percentage point lower than the 10.2 percent rate for March 1996.

Over the month, wage and salary employment grew by 1,400 jobs. The greatest job growth took place in construction, followed by local government and retail trade. Also, monthly gains occurred in both private services and manufacturing, as well as wholesale trade, transportation, communication and utilities, and finance, insurance, and real estate industry sectors.

Compared with a year ago, wage and salary employment has grown by 4,675 jobs or 2.7 percentage points. Over the year job growth in retail trade was the greatest with 1,725 new positions posted, which was a gain of 4.4 percent.

Private services had the second highest increase in additional jobs with employment growing by 1,325 people or 3.2 percent. Construction continued to improve with a gain of 575 jobs or 6.9 percent. Growth in durable and non-durable goods sectors (primarily durable goods) offset declines, giving employment in manufacturing a net gain over the year of 475 jobs or 1.6 percent. Government jobs increased slightly over the year by an additional 75 jobs or 0.2 of a percentage point.

March's unemployment rate compares unfavorably with the Michigan rate of 4.8 percent and the national rate of 5.5 percent.

The highest rate in the northern Lower Peninsula during March was recorded in Cheboygan County at 22.0 percent, while the lowest rate was in Grand Traverse County at 5.5 percent.

Oppermann gets award

A graduating dental student, Ralph Oppermann, received the International College of Dentists Award at ceremonies held at the Amway Hotel in Grand Rapids, on April 11.

An honorary organization for the recognition of outstanding and meritorious service to the profession of dentistry and the community, the College presented Oppermann with a plaque recognizing the most professional growth during the years of dental studies at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Oppermann is a resident of Grayling and will be pursuing a career in Public Health Dentistry.



DIRECTOR PLEASED — Dixie Lobsinger, director of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, was pleased to have all of the shelter's cats and dogs vaccinated. Sgt. Michael Jacobson is the other person in the photo. Lobsinger pointed out that now she can tell any perspective pet owner that all of the shelter's animals have their needed shots.



PET WORK — Sgt. Tracy Bailey of Grayling and Sgt. Michael Jacobson help with the vaccination process. In addition to the unit from Texas, Camp Grayling members participated in the cause.

Quilt kits still available

The Icehouse Quilt Shop in Grayling still has fabric kits available for the Quilt for a Cure Quilt Contest. So far 63 fabric kits have been sold to residents of 10 different countries.

To help raise money to find a cure for breast cancer quilters can purchase a fabric kit that includes seven different fabric pieces (a total of 2.5 yards). From this fabric quilters must use at least three of the fabrics and construct a quilted wallhanging with less than 250 inches of outside measurement.

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The deadline to have quilts entered in the show and contest is Oct. 1.

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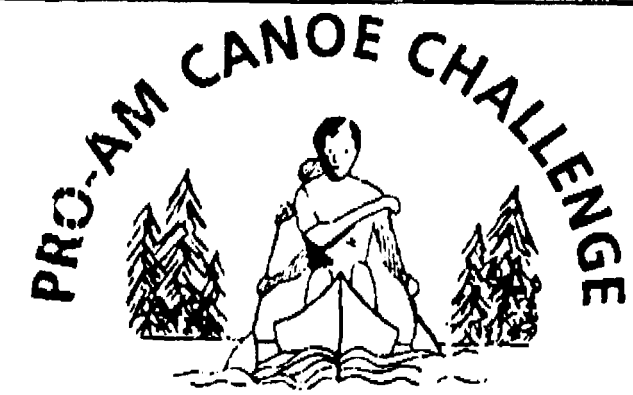
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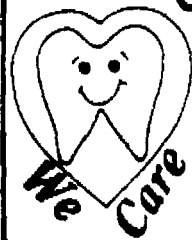


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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Amanda L. Clark and Corey R. Wyskiel of Grayling, announce that they are engaged to be wed. Amanda is the daughter of Randy and Pam Clark of Kingsley, and Roy and Nancy Gauld of Fife Lake. Corey is the son of Ed and Kathy Wyskiel of Grayling. A June 21 wedding, in Grayling is planned.

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Date for second town meeting set for plan

The long-awaited Master Plan for Grayling Township and the City of Grayling is getting nearer to its date of completion. Monday, June 2, has been set as the date for the second and final town meeting in which local residents will be able to provide input for their vision of the future.

The purpose of the Master Plan is to guide policy and decision making for all future land and infrastructure development decisions within the city and township.

Within the document, key planning issues are identified; community character is described; goals, objectives and policies are outlined; existing and future land uses are described and mapped; public facility standards are identified and specific implementation measures are recommended.

The Master Plan is intended to promote community health, safety and welfare through the consistent and proper use of land, resources, public facilities and services.

"This meeting was supposed to take place much earlier in the process," said Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright, "but it was decided to delay it until the township board and city council had a chance to go through the plan. They have done that now, so we're ready to hear more ideas from the citizens."

The town meeting will be held in the Grayling Middle School Cafeteria starting at 7 p.m. Mark Wyckoff, the plan's author and a member of the Planning and Zoning Center in Lansing, will be the moderator.

According to officials, the plan will be available for citizens to read for at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

"Several copies will be kept at the township hall for people to read or borrow. I am assuming the city will do the same," Wright said. "It will be helpful at the meeting if persons wanting to make suggestions concerning changes to the plan could have them written out for us."

Once changes are made from the town meeting, the Master Plan will go back to the Planning and Zoning Center to be reprinted. When it comes back to the township and city, a public hearing will be scheduled to present it to the community.

"Even at the public hearing it will still not be too late to make changes," Wright said. "This document is for the good of the community today and tomorrow, and all citizens should have a chance to voice their concerns and request changes. We would be remiss and probably deserve to lose our jobs if we allowed anything less than broad public input."

Officials hope to be able to schedule the public hearing sometime in July. After that the last phase of the project will be final adoption of the plan by the township planning commission and board of trustees, and adoption by the Grayling City Council.

The township and city master plan project has been in process since Feb. 15, 1996. The total cost of the \$19,995 plan was born by Grayling Township. The City of Grayling provided in-kind services through City Manager Jerry Morford, who is a registered city planner.

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MONEY FOR CAUSE — Pat Papendick, co-chairperson of "Project Graduation '97", receives a check for \$200 from Grayling Lodge 356 F. & A.M., and the Michigan Masonic Foundation. Worshipful Master, Allen Schreiner, made the presentation.

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Decorating contest set for canoe marathon

The Grayling Promotional Association's (GPA) AuSable River Festival Parade Committee has decided to do something new this year to help celebrate the 50th year of the Canoe Marathon. The Parade Committee is organizing a Residential Decorating Contest for houses located along the parade route.

The contest rules are: the color gold must be used; decorating must be done

by July 18; applications must be returned to GPA by July 10; decorations must remain in-tact until after the parade, July 26; prize money in the amount of \$100 will be awarded to the winner the day of the AuSable River Festival Parade; a first place prize, only, will be awarded, no ties; and the judges for the Residential Decorating Contest will be from outside Crawford County.

The AuSable River Festival Parade Committee is looking forward to having every home along the parade route decorated.

According to GPA member, "If you do not have a residence along the parade route, perhaps you could help someone you know along the route. If

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Area municipal meeting set to exchange ideas

The 1997 Region VI meeting of the Michigan Municipal League will be hosted by the City of Gaylord. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., Wednesday, May 7 at the Holiday Inn in Gaylord.

Attending this annual meeting will be mayors, village presidents, council members, managers and other officials from cities and villages within Alpena, Alpena, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon and Wexford counties.

This year's program will address some of the complex challenges confronting local units of government today. The program topics will include annexation, youth and gang violence in the small community, a mobile workshop and brownfield redevelopment, as well as a legislative update on issues including the gas tax and the future of revenue sharing.

Region VI officers are Chairperson William Tholl, councilmember of Gaylord; Vice Chairperson Ronald Leslie, city manager of East Tawas; and Secretary Jeffrey Fitch, village president of Kalkaska.

In 1953, the Michigan Municipal League established its regional organization. According to the League's bylaws, the purpose of the

regional structure is to "permit effective interchange ideas on municipal problems by local officials." This year marks the 44th year of annual regional meetings held in seven regions around the state.

The Annual MML Regional Meeting provides a forum for discussion, an update on critical issues and an opportunity for municipal officials to exchange information about

common concerns. It promotes awareness and offers ideas for improving the quality of local government leadership.

The Michigan Municipal League unites 515 member cities and villages throughout Michigan to work cooperatively in their efforts to improve municipal government.

National Arbor Day has its 125th celebration

April 25 marked the 125th celebration of National Arbor Day, a day of tree planting by school children, neighborhoods and community groups across America. The holiday has endured, according to John Rosenow, president of The National Arbor Day Foundation, "because young trees, newly planted, are an affirmation of the continuity of life."

While some states celebrate Arbor Day at different times of the year, the last Friday in April is observed as National Arbor Day.

Arbor Day is celebrated in many ways. Creative celebrations often happen when several groups get together. For example, a YMCA and a Senior Walkers Club worked with a Midwestern city to dedicate a fitness trail on Arbor Day, planting trees along the route. A local garden club gives away 20 trees in a raffle drawing each year, and Boy Scouts plant them.

Some Arbor Day events are competitive, which can add to the fun. At an Arbor Day litter rally, more than 250 grade-schoolers scrambled to see how much litter they could collect in an hour's time from one of the city's

most heavily used parks. The prize was a red oak tree that they planted at their school. Media Celebrity Challenge races are fun, too, and increase community awareness of Arbor Day.

Arbor Day is a wonderful educational opportunity. In a rural elementary school, each student "adopts" a tree within the school's windbreak. Multimedia instructional materials provided by The National Arbor Day Foundation in its "Grow Your Own Tree" kit help them learn about tree care and tree growth.

Arbor Day was the idea of J. Sterling Morton, editor of Nebraska's first newspaper, who moved to Nebraska City from Michigan in the mid-1800s. An impassioned journalist and orator, Morton held a deep personal commitment to bring new families to Nebraska. He knew this would be difficult in a place where just three percent of the prairie was wooded. There were few trees for firewood, fence posts and — a crucial commodity — lumber. His message became "Plant Trees."

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The mission experts will describe

state, national and global ministries throughout the week.

On Monday May 4, the Rev. Carlos Otero will worship at the Grayling United Methodist Church at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Otero has served for two and one-half years as pastor of the Long United Methodist Church in Sofia,

Bulgaria.

The New York native grew up in inner city Tampa, Fla. After receiving his bachelor's degree in history from Asbury College, he did a year of volunteer work in Israel and one year of youth ministry in Florida.

He then received a master's degree

in divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He was ordained an elder in the Florida Annual Conference in 1989.

Otero served churches in Lake Worth, Fort Myers and Jupiter, Fla., before moving to Bulgaria.

Lions Clubs promote white cane week

Over 18,000 Michigan Lions, members of the International Association of Lions Clubs, will be soliciting donations between April 25 and May 4. Gov. John Engler has proclaimed this 10-day period as "WHITECANEWEEK" in Michigan.

The Lions will be seeking public support of their many sight conservation projects. Major projects of the Lions of Michigan include: Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester; Michigan Eye Bank and Transplantation Center in Ann Arbor; and Welcome Home for the Blind (a home for the elderly blind) in Grand Rapids. The Lions also support many community projects with the funds they collect during White Cane Week. Funding for eye examinations and eyeglasses for the needy is an important

service provided by many Lions Clubs. The "White Cane Law" states that drivers of vehicles shall take all necessary precautions when approaching a crosswalk or any pedestrian crossing to avoid accident or injury to a blind person carrying a cane or being led by a dog guide in harness.

To symbolize and create awareness of their efforts, the Lions have chosen 20-year-old Heather Mitchell of Otisville, as White Cane Ambassador for 1997. Mitchell will represent the Michigan Lions as she travels throughout the state to attend various community events. She will act as a spokesperson for the visually impaired by making the public aware of the White Cane Law.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY—Cal Brenner, and his wife, Sue, well-known Grayling residents, celebrated Cal's 90th birthday on April 21 with cake and ice cream at the home of Vonnie and Joe Addison on Cub Lake. Friends who joined in the celebration were Shirley and John Schultz and the Addison's neighbors, Helen and Jim Benner of Lansing. Belying his 90 years, Cal also celebrated the occasion by playing golf at the Grayling Country Club on Sunday. Everyone wished him a hearty "Happy Birthday" and many happy returns.

Lowe takes step against federal law

A resolution affirming support of individual property rights was introduced in the state House this week by a northern Michigan lawmaker.

State Rep. Allen Lowe, (R-Grayling) said his measure was prompted by Stupak-Thrall v. United States, a controversial case that raised serious questions about the federal government ignoring states' rights when regulating privately owned property.

"This case has upset the balance of authority between and federal officials," Lowe said. "We are severely limiting the state's ability to monitor the rights of residents living adjacent to the 3.5 million acres of federal land within Michigan's borders."

The controversy escalated in 1987 when Congress enacted the Michigan Wilderness Act. An act of land that surrounds tracts of private property became part of the Sylvania

Wilderness Area. The U.S. Forest Service began enforcing restrictions that took away the rights of private owners living on the shores of Crooked Lake in Gogebic County.

Lowe said judicial relief in this matter has proven elusive as federal courts have failed to reverse the Forest Service authority.

"They continue to ignore riparian rights granted in state law, including fishing and swimming," Lowe said. "By failing to review the case, the U.S. Supreme Court is posing a serious threat to all property rights."

"The resolution sends a signal to our elected officials in Washington. Michigan will not acquiesce to such a miscarriage of justice. This is a threat to our state sovereignty and to the private property rights of Michigan land owners."

VFW post installs officers

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Otis Henry Post 4126 and Auxiliary of Mio gathered at their post home on April 27 for the purpose of installing their 1997-1998 officers. The officers installed for the post were: Commander James Reiman; Sr. Vice-Commander James Woodcock; Jr. Vice-Commander Jack Gunn; Commander Al Tibben; Chaplain James Lemon; Surgeon Ray Curtis; Advocate John Scheffer; Three-Year Trustee Truman Vincent; Two-Year Trustee Larry Largent; One-Year Trustee Tony Danhoff; Adjutant Larry Largent; and Service Officer Ray Curtis.

Auxiliary officers installed were: President Eleanor McLaughlin; Sr. Vice-President Dessie Hartman; Jr. Vice-President Theresa Klauka; Secretary Irene Loomis; Treasurer Shirley Getty; Chaplain Nancy Hockstetter; Conductress Sharon Largent; Guard Bertha Holmden; Three-Year Trustee Gladys Princinski; Two-Year Trustee Joyce Gordon; and One-Year Trustee Lisa McLaughlin.

Past State Commander John Harrow installed the post officers and President Elect for District 11, Jeanette Kelts of Roscommon Auxiliary 4159 installed the Auxiliary officers.

Preceding the installation ceremonies the newly elected officers, spouses, friends and guests enjoyed a delicious potluck.

As a reminder to the community, May 8-10 members of Post 4126 and

Auxiliary will be selling the "Buddy Poppy." All proceeds from this national sale go to help needy veterans and their families.

Adoptathon to be held at shelter

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The adolescent counseling at New Life Community Service is provided by Janet L. Bean, who has a Bachelor's Degree from Central Michigan University and is also a Registered Social Worker. She received additional specialized training in alcohol and other drug abuse from Rutgers University.

Bean has worked with adolescents

for approximately eight years, in areas such as delinquency, child victims of domestic abuse, and substance abuse.

Family involvement is strongly encouraged. Bean feels, "The whole family is affected when one of its members is dealing with a problem." Therefore, New Life Community Service asks that a parent or guardian attend the first counseling session with their teenager to stimulate family participation and help the counseling process.

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A second blood drive will be held at Frederic Elementary on Friday, May 9, from noon to 5:45 p.m.

First-time donors at the March blood drive were Jessica Scott, John Galloway, Christy Kustra and Fr. Robert P. Henley.

Gallon pins were awarded: one gallon - Albert Austin; two gallons - Rex Robbins and Wayne Davis; three gallons - Edward Martella, Daniel Curtis and Elizabeth Lennon; four gallons - Alehea Illig-Ball; five gallons - Judith Thorpe, Elizabeth Moore and John Chott; eight gallons - John Kapets and Terrance Dinnen; nine gallons - Larry Domcik.

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Yes, there is life after a heart attack; a normal life

by Dr. Robert Kettrick
Cardiac rehabilitation means training someone who has had a heart attack to lead a normal life. It is a very positive procedure and involves not only those responsible for the training but also the patient. It is definitely a two-way street. The restoration concerns mental and physical strength. The patient may have to be retrained for another job. For example, the man who is a heavy machine operator must be retrained. Easier said than done perhaps, but that should be the aim.

Because of refinements in the diagnosis of coronary heart disease, doctors are now diagnosing minor degrees of heart attacks that would have

been missed years ago. Increasing numbers of diagnosed coronaries are slight, although I would not want to gloss over the seriousness of coronary heart disease in general. Thirty years ago, a person with a recognized coronary was put to bed and kept there for four to six weeks, hardly allowed to move hand or foot. Now the patient is allowed out of bed a few days after the attack, provided that pulse, blood pressure, EKG readings and other signs are not grossly abnormal. Movement around the bed and then through the halls is monitored, and any deterioration dictates a return to total bedrest for a few more days. Within a few days, he may be doing knee bends

at the foot of the bed under the watchful eye of the physical therapist, and encouraged to think the attack has already been overcome. Of course, progress is relevant to the severity of the attack. In oversimplified terms, pain, shock and sometimes collapse depend on the degree of blockage of the affected coronary artery, as well as the degree of interference with the heart muscle and its effectiveness in pumping blood around the body. A massive blockage of an important coronary artery is a sledgehammer blow which a patient may not survive. The involvement of a less important artery, with a relatively smaller clot, may also cause the patient chest pain and discomfort for a few hours or even days. Patients who have had a minor attack respond well to early rehabilitation. They go home with instructions to gradually increase their movement about the house and to take walks outside. Some hospitals have reported excellent results by bringing patients back

weekly to rehabilitation classes in a hospital gym, where they are encouraged by physical therapists and cheered up by talking to other patients in a similar situation. Hopefully, the patient may resume work in six to eight weeks, after which time it is safe to drive a car. The nurse will be on hand to take blood pressures and also offer blood sugar screenings for a suggested donation of \$2. There is no cost for the BP's and both are done on a walk-in basis. Remember, this happens on the second and fourth Thursdays, May 8 and 22 from 11 to noon.

Blood pressures and blood sugars taken

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both are done on a walk-in basis. Remember, this happens on the second and fourth Thursdays, May 8 and 22 from 11 to noon.

Social Security business will be handled

The social security administration will be handling social security business mainly by phone because they say that the majority of their inquiries can be answered that way.

Should a person's business need more attention, an appointment will be made. People may call 1-800-772-1213 or Traverse City, 1-616-946-8361, Monday through Friday 9 to 4.

Commodities to be distributed May 7

Meat and senior commodities will be distributed at the Free Methodist Church on M-72 West on Wednesday, May 7 from 10 to 11 a.m. (note change of time). Those seniors that live in the senior housing complex will have theirs delivered by volunteers after 12:30 p.m. on that day. Also, if any senior will not be

able to pick up their commodities during the time allotted at the Free Methodist Church and would like to pick them up later (after 12:30) at the senior center, please let them know so that they can have them here for you. They must be picked up within three days. It is necessary to have a request in before 9 a.m. on distribution day.

Mother's Day dance planned for May 6

Women and men; girls and boys; seniors and juniors; mothers and fathers...all are invited to the annual Mother's Day dinner on Tuesday, May 6 at 5 p.m. rock-cornish hens with all the trimmings and a special dessert for all of the "angels" who will be present.



Lovells Satellite to meet May 16 at Lovells Township Hall

The Lovells Satellite will meet on the third Friday, May 16 at the Lovells Township Hall. Dinner (turkey & dressing) will be served at noon. People may call Kitty Pardington, 348-7362,

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Ideas implemented in court project

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The six experiments or court demonstration projects are in full swing, and the 46th Judicial Circuit, for one at least, has put into effect a number of new methods to make the local court system more efficient.

The 46th Judicial Circuit, which is comprised of Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska counties, is the only multi-county court system of the six court demonstration projects.

The projects are funded entirely by the Supreme Court from its budget. Each judge within a given project has been given the jurisdictional authority of a circuit judge, regardless of the bench they were actually elected to. The actual jurisdictional responsibility of each judge within a given project is determined and assigned by the project chief judge. In the 46th Judicial Circuit demonstration project, the chief judge, as selected by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, is Judge Alton Davis.

According to a speech given by Alton Davis, there are four major purposes of the demonstration projects. Davis said, "The purpose of the projects as initially started was to: 1) study the merger of the existing benches into a fully consolidated court; 2) blend into one general venue legal issues affecting families; 3) form local judicial management councils; and 4) prepare and present to funding authorities a uniform joint budget."

The demonstration project in

Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska counties began June 1, 1996. Davis pointed out that the project is supposed to end on Dec. 31, 1997, but he said the projects may extend longer because judicial officials are pleased with the results.

Chief Judge Davis, Rudi Edel, trial court administrator, and Tom Haskel, assistant trial court administrator and juvenile officer, recently took time to discuss and update the 46th Judicial Court demonstration project goals, new functions and findings.

According to Davis, one of the most important changes within the project was to establish a family court. This is setting the stage for compliance with family court legislation. Davis said the objective was to have cases involving children and domestic relations cases assigned to one judge to handle all of the matters.

Two other important changes to the local court system was the upgrade of the computer system and the reduction in the length of jury terms.

More than \$60,000 in computer equipment was ordered to upgrade every necessary person involved with the court's work, Davis said. The money was provided by the Supreme Court.

The point of this upgrade was to link all of the court's computers together to save time. Davis pointed out that now once a person's background information is input into the system, the information can be transferred for

other court personnel's use in different cases.

The jury term was reduced from 90 to 30 days circuit wide for all courts. The court system was able to do this by combining each county's jury members into a common pool, so the jurors can be used for any court during the 30-day period.

The court system also has brought additional defense attorneys under contract for use in the circuit. Haskel said the circuit has secured attorney contracts for approximately 10 defense attorneys, which the court system can access.

Edel discussed some of the new ideas being used by the 46th Judicial Court demonstration project to make things more efficient and user friendly. One of the new concepts is a 1-800 phone number for jury lines. This allows jury members to call at no cost to them from anywhere to find out if they need to be in court for a jury matter. Crawford County's new jury number is 1-800-559-8885.

The court also has added audio conferencing. Edel said this method allows for testimony to be taken from different locations without having to pay for travel cost and it also saves time.

Edel estimated that the circuit has saved about \$7,000 thus far by using the audio conferencing.



Jay Duke



Tamara Kent

Bank announces promotions

Chemical Bank North has announced the promotion of Tamara L. Kent to Assistant Vice President.

Kent has been with the bank since 1986. Along with this promotion, she will retain her current responsibilities as operations supervisor.

Kent is a member of the Grayling Kiwanis and is also active in 4-H.

Chemical Bank also announced the promotion of Jay Duke to Assistant Cashier.

Duke has been with the bank since 1991. Along with Duke's promotion, he will retain his current responsibilities as assistant to the security officer and loan operations assistant.

Celebrate for mothers

Mother's Day is celebrated each year on the second Sunday in May.

Mother's Day began in 1907 when Anna Jarvis asked her church to have a special service in memory of all mothers.

The idea caught on and soon people all over the United States did special

things for their mothers.

This year, Mother's Day will be celebrated on May 11.

Small businesses want study of electricity to be commissioned by service commission

The Small Business Association of Michigan (SBAM) said a special study should be commissioned by the Public Service Commission (PSC) or Legislature to investigate crucial factors affecting proposed electricity deregulation in the state.

"The issue of electricity deregulation is becoming more and more divisive and fragmented. If this trend continues, special interests with specific agendas

will become more aggressive in promoting their positions and the progress toward implementation of a direct access plan will be destroyed," said Barry Cargill, vice president for government relations for SBAM.

Therefore, Cargill recommended that the PSC or the Legislature commission one or more independent, outside third parties to study several elements of a fair and equitable direct access plan.

The study, which Cargill said should be funded by the State of Michigan in order to maintain objectivity, should determine and value stranded transition charges, identify a schedule for implementation of a competitive market, define the need and amount of transition charges, and identify processes and procedures that will assure open access.

"Don't 'pull the plug' on fair, open and equitable access to electricity," he said. "Keep stakeholders feet to the fire. Doing nothing is not acceptable to SBAM. Michigan must have a fair and equitable system in place by the end of this year. If a solution for open access is not resolved by the end of 1997, we risk having the open access plan complicated by a major political election in 1998 that may prevent open

access for the near future in Michigan," he said.

Cargill said a plan that makes sure small users have open and equitable access to electricity must include: assuring that there are no barriers to development of a truly competitive market; assuring that the market is readily accessible; assuring that there are no penalties or hidden charges for participating in the market; and assuring that no parties realize a windfall in the transition.

Cargill said SBAM supports the deregulation of electricity as the means for reducing the cost of energy and helping small businesses remain competitive in national and world markets.

Army recruiting figures released; seek qualified men, women

Army recruiting continues to seek qualified men and women to serve as soldiers despite the fact that the Army is getting smaller, according to Lieutenant Colonel Scott W. Christie, commander of the U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion, Great Lakes.

The battalion is responsible for Army recruiting throughout most of Michigan. The 144 Great Lakes Army recruiters enlisted more than 1,800 soldiers during fiscal year 1996. Of these new recruits, 1,121 qualified to receive the Army College Fund with a guarantee of \$20,000 to \$30,000 for college when they complete their initial enlistment. More than \$30 million in college funds have been guaranteed to soldiers from Michigan who enlisted during 1996.

Additionally, the battalion recruits

to fill an estimated 70 local Army Reserve units in this area. The 36 Army Reserve recruiters filled more than 800 vacancies for reserve soldiers in the state of Michigan.

Nationwide, the Army recruited 111,845 young men and women. This consisted of 73,419 Active Army soldiers, along with 38,426 men and women for the Army Reserves. Of the total number recruited, minorities made up about 36 percent and women approximately 20 percent. Nearly all the recruits (95 percent) had at least a high school diploma and most (67 percent) scored in the top half of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test. The mean age at the time they contracted to join the Army, was 21.

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CONDEMNED CLEAN UP — Curt Marshall (left), Wayne Nelson (center) and Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright pick up trash from the yard and driveway of a condemned house on Lake Margrethe Boulevard. Township Treasurer Monica Ashton also took part in the clean up. Wright said the hope is to get a court order to level the house. The four workers picked up four pick-up truck loads of trash from the yard.

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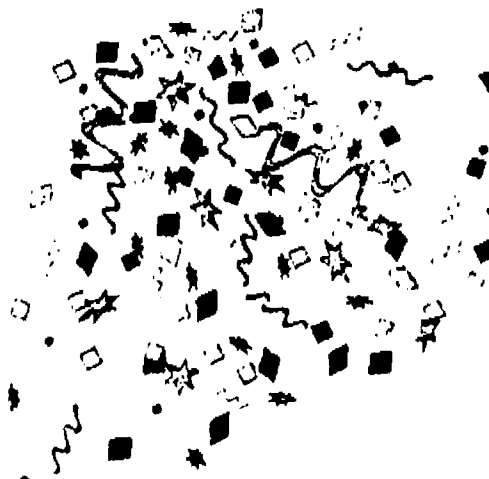
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FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

Surgical options for bunions

Bunions often start slowly, so that you're barely aware anything is wrong until you feel a nagging pain and look down to notice that your toes don't look quite right. Defined as an enlargement of bone or tissue, bunions occur most frequently at the base of the big toe. Sometimes footwear padding, anti-inflammatory drugs, or simply a change of shoes can ease the problem. Other times, however, surgery may be necessary. When this is the case, it's good to know that several surgical options are available. For simple bunions, the podiatric surgeon may trim the bone enlargement and realign the muscles, tendons, and ligaments at the joint. For moderate bunions, with a greater degree of deformity, it may be necessary to cut the bone and reposition it. For the most severe bunions, common in some types of arthritis, the joint may

need to be reconstructed or replaced, using an artificial joint. Don't suffer with painful, nagging foot problems because you think treatment may involve surgery. Many foot surgeries are not performed right in the podiatrist's office, saving you discomfort, recovery time and cost. If this sounds like something that will encourage you to seek podiatric care, please give us a call at GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C., 1209 E. 8th St., Traverse City, Phone: 922-9100 & 800-868-7440. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings. Our patients' comfort is our top priority.

P.S. Many cases of bunion surgery today are done on an out-patient basis, needing only a local anesthetic.



Governor discusses Michigan issues

by Autumn J. Kucka
Capital News Service

Gov. John Engler focused on education, clean water and Michigan's children in an exclusive interview with Capital News Service correspondents. Engler clarified his stands on many issues being discussed in the Legislature, school boards and state agencies.

Improvements and changes in the state schools were the main concern of the governor. He sees many improvements and changes for the schools in the near future.

"If we can make the kind of improvements over the next six years that we have made over the past, throughout the '90s, Michigan's schools would be in a dramatically stronger position going into the 21st

century," Engler said.

With alternative education on the rise, Engler spoke of the onset of charter schools and the effect on more traditional education. He said he doesn't see charter schools as competition, just an additional choice.

Other issues the governor commented on include:

State School Board - Engler repeated his contention that the decision to take duties of the elected state school board and transfer it to the state superintendent was not to take away any constitutional power from the board.

"The Department of Education is part of the executive branch," he said. "I have done considerable organization within the executive branch."

Engler insisted the reorganization was not meant to take away constitutional power, but to provide for better accountability and efficiency within departments.

Clean Water - Despite accusations of non-compliance to the clean water act by public interest groups, Engler

still believes Michigan to be a strong, environmentally sound state.

Engler agreed with the Department of Environmental Quality and said every county in the state complies with clean air standards.

"This report was more about politics than scientific data," he said. "We meet the goals for compliance and then they change them. It's like moving the goal line after the play."

Welfare - "Nearly one third of the cases are working," Engler said. "There should be no one in a situation where they are removed from aid because they do not hold a job."

Another addition to the welfare program is the requirement that children by attending school in order for parents to receive aid.

Early Out - On the newly implemented early-out retirement plan for state employees, Engler said the state will lose "good, valuable people."

Durant Case - Engler said the case, now entering its second decade, is old and "misunderstood, if it's understood at all."

The Durant case is in the appeals process with the Supreme Court. It would require the state to finance programs that districts say were mandated by the state.

Casinos - The governor sees the state's role as minimal where casinos are concerned, as far as selecting who gets the first license, but said there are some concerns.

"The state probably should first ask the question, 'Are you a member of the Mafia?', and you would probably agree if they are they shouldn't be licensed."

Gas Tax - Engler still says he won't favor an increase in the gas tax unless all other efforts have been exhausted. Engler was clear on where he stands when it comes to taxes, "I don't like to raise taxes—I like to cut them," he said.

Recycling center proposed

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vehicles can get into the recycling center instead of staying on the road.

"Another situation which will have to be resolved is snow removal," Wright said. "We currently put the snow in the areas where we want to locate trailers and composite piles."

Even with the potential minor problems which will have to be resolved, Wright said he believes this the proper direction for the township to go.

"There definitely is a need for a recycling center," Wright said. "It is the right thing to do."

The Grayling Township supervisor added that there may come a time when the state may mandate municipalities to have a recycling program. Those which have not started a program will be scrambling around to get one in place.

The decision on township funding for the recycling center and specific items to be included will not be decided to the township board's July meeting for the next budget period. The township board's next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, May 13.



KARATE PROMOTION—Dr. Douglas Slater, here with son Dougie after his test, was promoted to third degree black belt level on March 12 by instructor Gary Hasson at the Hanson Hills Karate Club. Slater is the son of Richard and Dorothy Slater of Grayling. He and his family live in Frederic. Karate classes meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. in the former museum building. Both children and adults are welcome to begin training at any time. Classes are taught by Hasson, Slater, Steve CdeBaca and Penny Kaiser. Interested persons can call Cindy Olson at 348-9266.

In memory of

Graveside services will be held for Alice L. Bond at Elmwood Cemetery on May 5, 1997 at 11:30 a.m. with the Rev. J. Douglas Paterson officiating. Mrs. Bond, age 87, a longtime resident of Grayling died Nov. 15, 1996 in Oscoda. Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

Card of thanks

I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to Arnie Stencil and the wonderful staff at the Meadows for the care I received during my recent visit. My therapy has helped me a lot, along with the excellent care and food.

Maitilda Gildner

Card of thanks

We would like to thank the local businesses and residents of our community that donated items to raffle for our van fund. The residents of Mercy Manor/Mercy Hospital and members of the van committee thank you: **Halmark of Grayling, Davis Jeweler, J. Dap, The Cut Above, Hair Salon, Mercy Hospital Dietary Department, Pizza Hut, Barbara Smock, Barbara Bunker, Jeanie Harwood, Robert Nelson.** We would also like to thank Glen's Market and K-Mart for allowing us to use their store space to sell raffle tickets and other items.

Sincerely,

Residents of Mercy Manor and members of the van committee

OBITUARIES

William Edmund Bakewell

William Edmund Bakewell, 92, of Howell, died April 25, 1997, at Northfield Place in Whitmore Lake.

Born in Lynn, MA on January 6, 1905. Bakewell formerly worked for Ford Motor Company as a Tool and Die Maker before coming to Howell.

Surviving are step-daughter Joan (Joseph) Arceri of Farmington Hills, four grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, preceded first wife, Pearl and second wife Bernice.

Memorial services were held on Monday, April 28 at 11 a.m. at MacDonald's Funeral Home. Bakewell's place of burial was Elm Lawn Cemetery in Bay City.

Union pickets mental health board

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"The union's claim that management is late to the bargaining table is patently untrue. Management agreed to allow the unions' 15-member negotiation team to congregate in a room with coffee and a telephone for the union to use."

"The arrangement between the union and management was that the union team would advise the management team by telephone that it was ready to proceed, and in fact, management responded immediately on every occasion."

As Rigotti continued to read her statement more accusations against the mental health board were brought forth.

"These workers did not organize capriciously or from greed," Rigotti continued to read. "Direct care workers, including these people and their counterparts around the state, have long been underpaid and overworked in stressful and demanding jobs. At present, the minimum starting wage for such workers is about \$5 an hour. These workers perform jobs typically associated with licensed or registered nursing staff in general hospitals, including administering medications and treatments."

However, according to Don Maki, a staff representative for AFSCME Council 25 "we want a wage increase comparable to what other health care workers are making." According to Maki, the highest pay rate of North Central Community Mental Health Services employees is approximately \$8 an hour.

However, in the statement from the North Central Community Mental Health Services "two bargaining unit employees (for the union) made \$22,942 and \$22,219, respectively in

1996."

There are also numerous benefits that employees receive, according to North Central Community Mental Health Services. Those benefits are "employees receive triple time for working on five holidays and double time for working on six other holidays; 16 to 24 paid vacation days per year depending on length of service and 6 percent gross pay retirement paid by the agency and no employee contribution as well as full family health, dental, optical, disability and life insurance."

"These benefits are only for full-time workers," Maki said. "But, most of the part-time workers are working full-time hours without the benefits."

Another claim made by Rigotti is "through Freedom of Information Acts requests, we have discovered that the board incurred more than \$10,800 in legal costs in connection with these negotiations between March and October 1996. Since that time, the process has continued, with the added cost of hearings in two of the three charges of Unfair Labor Practice."

"This is not the most effective use of the taxpayer's dollars entrusted to your management. The mission with which you have been entrusted is to provide mental health services. It is wrong to divert resources and effort to the attempt to thwart these workers in their reasonable and legal effort to make a decent living while providing these essential mental health services. I call on you to bring management practices and policies under this board back into line with both the letter and the spirit of the law and to afford these workers the respect and dignity to which they are entitled both legally and morally," Rigotti concluded.

North Central Community Mental Health Services responded in their statement with "although the agency received a demand to bargain from AFSCME in March 1996 the union did not start bargaining until June. Between June 1996 and March 1997 the agency has negotiated on 15 days with AFSCME. Even though the agency requested for the union to submit its full package of proposals, the union only submitted a few proposals during every session. Finally in October the agency submitted its own full set of proposals and in response received the balance of the unions proposals in November 1996."

"The agency has fully recognized at every step the employees right to unionize and to be represented at the bargaining table. The agency's voluntary recognition of the union, its consent to an election, the many bargaining sessions in which it has participated and the many counter proposals and proposals it has submitted is evidence of that fact. The fact that an agreement has not been reached is not the agency's responsibility or fault. Rather it is reflective that the demands submitted by the union are not acceptable either from an operational standpoint or from a financial standpoint."

"The agency has negotiated in good faith since June 1996. It voluntarily recognized the union and voluntarily agreed to a consent election. The agency simply cannot afford the wage and other benefit increase that the union is demanding nor can it dramatically cut back services and care to the residents of our foster care facilities in order to agree to the union's demands."



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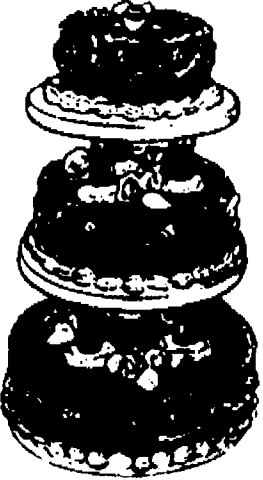
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Section B--Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, May 1, 1997

1997 Grayling Youth Bowling Association awards banquet is a strike

by Craig Hoffman
Sports Writer

The Grayling Youth Bowling League hosted its annual bowling banquet at Grayling High School Saturday, April 26.

The Hawaiian theme was decked out everywhere from a ham dinner to hula dancers to Hawaiian shirts.

The banquet started out with the magic of Evan Glicker, a Grayling High School student, who did several different tricks and was very impressive.

Ron Case, coach and emcee for the banquet, began handing out awards.

The first awards were given out for perfect attendance.

The league had 92 bowlers and 58 had perfect attendance.

Island Hoppers perfect attendance is as follows: Mike Arwood, Nikki Strohpaul, Jason Trudeau, Matt Thomas, Nick McNamara, Nathan Sloan, Glenn Cousins, Steve Gildner, Crystal Daniels, Rusty Strohpaul, Doug Wilhelm, Jarrett Langowski, D.J. Canfield, Jason Arwood, Tim Hoesli, Jeni Root and Dana Ashton.

Nikki Strohpaul, Rusty Strohpaul and Jarrett Langowski earned special awards for four years of perfect attendance.

Beach perfect attendance is as follows: Tyesha Root, William Mathey, Macghan Corwin, Krystel Davis, Jamie Bourrie, Brent Calkins, Andrea Vogel, Jennifer Mathey, Shane Isenbauer, Budman Miller, Matthew Root, Monica Barr, Michael Salyers, Dan Corwin, Justin Root, Mitchel Salyers, Amber Sturdivant, Michael Barr, Jesse Gildner, Danielle Mathey, Mike Cousins, Jessica Golnick, Travis Gildner and Dan Mathey Jr.

Ocean perfect attendance is as follows: Jensen Dreasky, Stacy Helsel, Danielle Fedak, Chris Francis, Marshall Lobsinger, Travis LaMotte, April Wheeler, Felicia Hohl, Justin Lobsinger, Brian Mastej, Joshua Mastej, Alexandria Fedak, Michelle McGuire, Johnathon Handy, Curtis Marculewicz, Kalub Fedak and Sara Dunckley.

The winners of the Family Twosome were Travis LaMotte and Caron LaMotte (first), Budman Miller and Billie Jo Miller (second) and William Coe and Kathy Coe (third).

The winners of the Holiday Doubles Tournament was Doug Wilhelm and Glenn Cousins (first), Justin Root and Matthew Root (second) and Jerry

Langowski and Todd Robertson (third).

The next awards went to the 200 club. The members are Doug Wilhelm, Jason Trudeau, Rusty Strohpaul, Nikki Strohpaul and D.J. Canfield.

The Savings Bond Tournament, held in Timbertown Lanes in Lewiston, gave away \$100, \$75 and \$50 savings bonds to the top three winners in each average group.

In the average group 0-70 Matt Root had a 668 to win first place. Alex Fedak came in second with 618 and Justin Root had 608 to capture third place.

In the average group 71-100 Curtis Marculewicz took first with a 677. Alyson Helsel captured second place with a 652 and third place went to Jesse Gildner who scored 630.

In the 101 and up group the winner was Jason Trudeau with a 697, followed in second by Matt Thomas' 670. Rusty Strohpaul took third with a 629.

The league collected Glen's Slips to buy patches for their shirts. The winners from each league got a jar filled with \$50 in change.

The Island Hopper League winner was Rob Cox who brought in 677.

The Beach League winner was Mike Cousins who brought in 1,791.

The Ocean League winner was Curtis Marculewicz with 689.

The team awards for each league were given out next. Every team and team member received a trophy.

In the Island Hoppers League the first place trophies went to the Beach Bums team, made up of Nikki Strohpaul, Jason Trudeau, Tim Hoesli, Nathan Sloan and Crystal Daniels.

The Beach League winner was the Flamingo team. The members are Krystel Davis, Jamie Bourrie, Brent Calkins and Kris Minnick.

In the Ocean League the Hurricanes took first place. Jason Dreasky, Darcie Lovely, Brian Mastej and Max Furstenau made up the Hurricanes.

There were special trophy awards given out. According to tradition, no player can receive more than one special award.

Boys high average -- Doug Wilhelm, Island Hoppers; Michael Salyers,

Beach; and Kalub Fedak, Ocean.

Girls High Average -- Nikki Strohpaul, Island Hoppers; Danielle Mathey, Beach; and Darcie Lovely, Ocean.

Boys High Game -- D. J. Canfield, Island Hoppers; Travis Gildner, Beach; and Nate Miller, Ocean.

Girls High Game -- Jenni Root, Island Hoppers; Krystel Davis, Beach; and Sara Dunckley, Ocean.

Boys High Series -- Jason Trudeau, Island Hoppers; Dan Corwin, Beach; and Justin Lobsinger, Ocean.

Girls High Series -- Deb Harris, Island Hoppers; Amber Sturdivant, Beach; and Alyson Helsel, Ocean.

Boys Most Improved -- Steve Gildner, Island Hoppers; Jesse Gildner, Beach; and Travis LaMotte, Ocean.

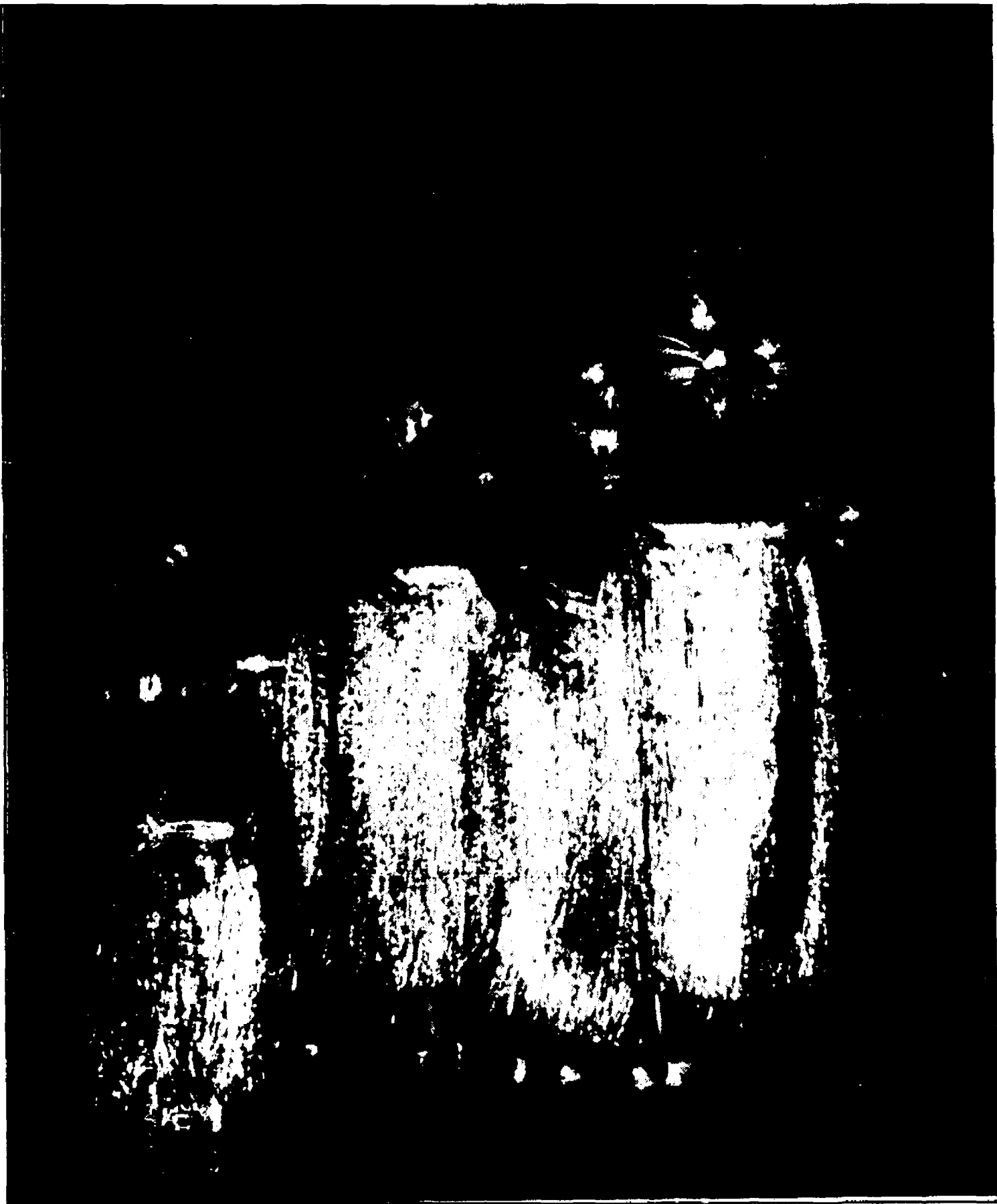
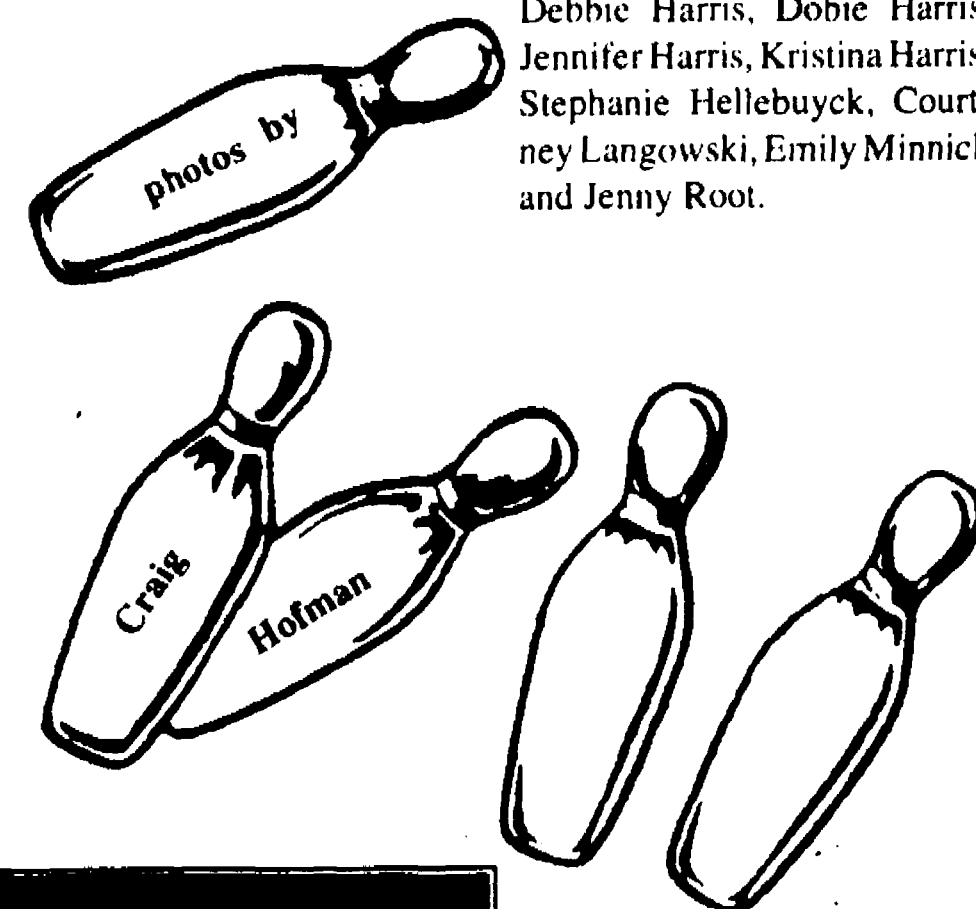
Girls Most Improved -- Heather Stevens, Island Hoppers; Meghan Corwin, Beach; and Charlie Helsel, Ocean.

Boys Best Sports Person (voted by peers) -- Jason Trudeau, Island Hoppers; William Mathey, Beach; and Joshua Mastej, Ocean.

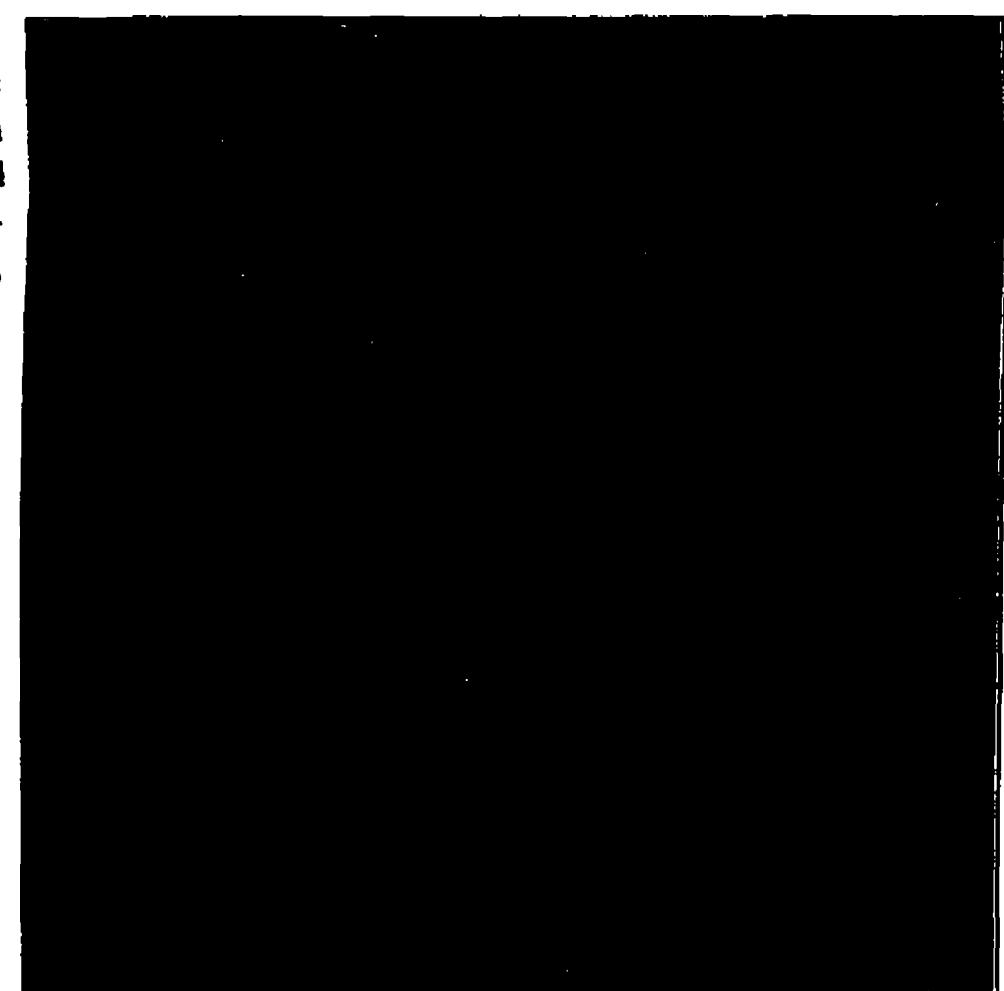
Girls Best Sports Person -- Nikki Strohpaul, Island Hoppers; Samantha Davis, Beach; and April Wheeler, Ocean.

The awards ceremony ended with the Grayling Youth Bowlers Harris WAHINE Dancer who performed a dance for the crowd. The members of the dance group were Jenny Root, Kristina Harris, Dobie Harris, Jennifer Harris, Stephanie Hellebuyck, Mary Cole, Debbie Harris, Courtney Langowski and Emily Minnick.

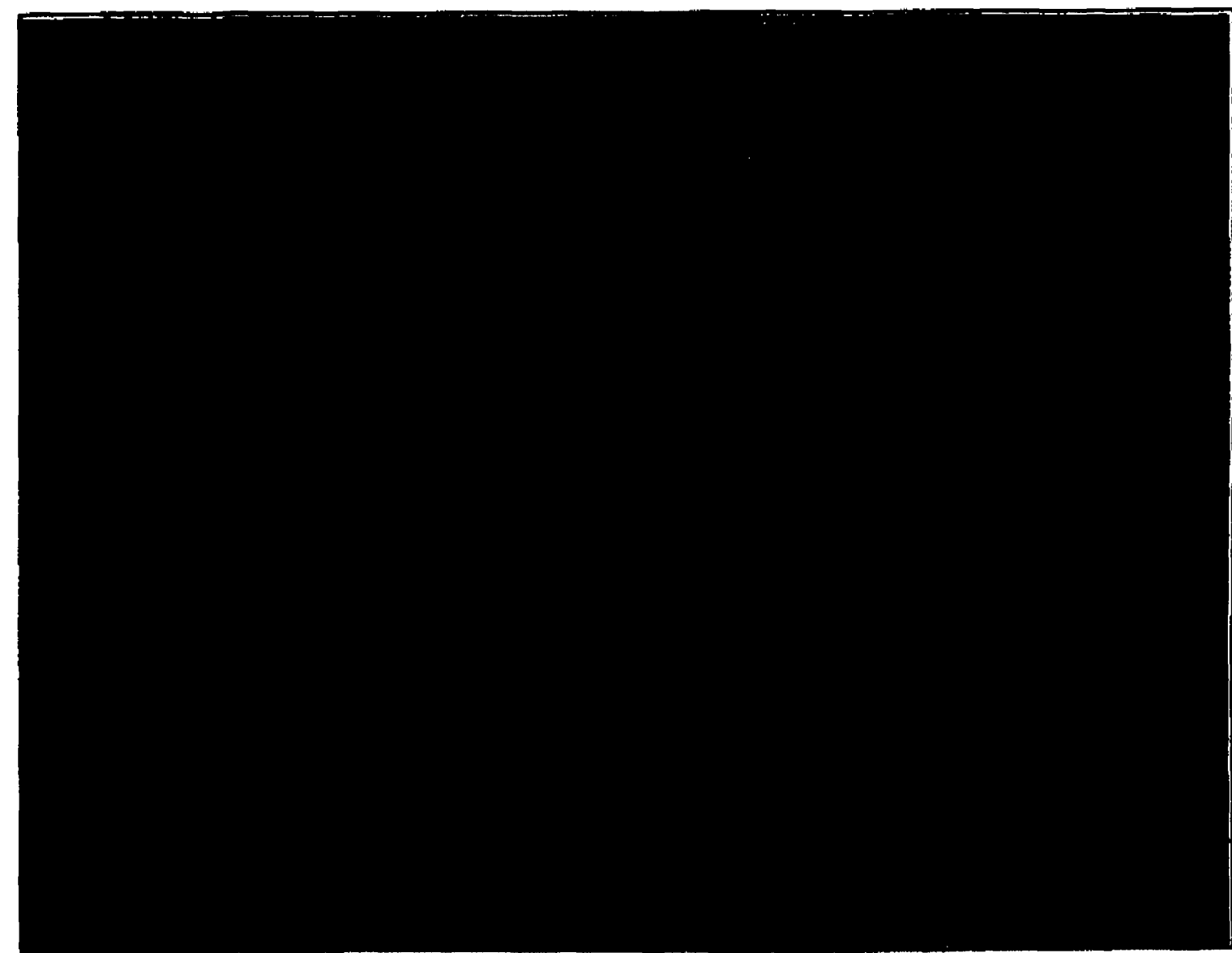
The crowd was then treated to dinner.



DANCING GIRLS -- These hula dancers performed for the crowd at the grayling Youth Bowling award banquet held Saturday. The dancers (in alphabetical order) are Mary Cole, Debbie Harris, Dobie Harris, Jennifer Harris, Kristina Harris, Stephanie Hellebuyck, Courtney Langowski, Emily Minnick and Jenny Root.



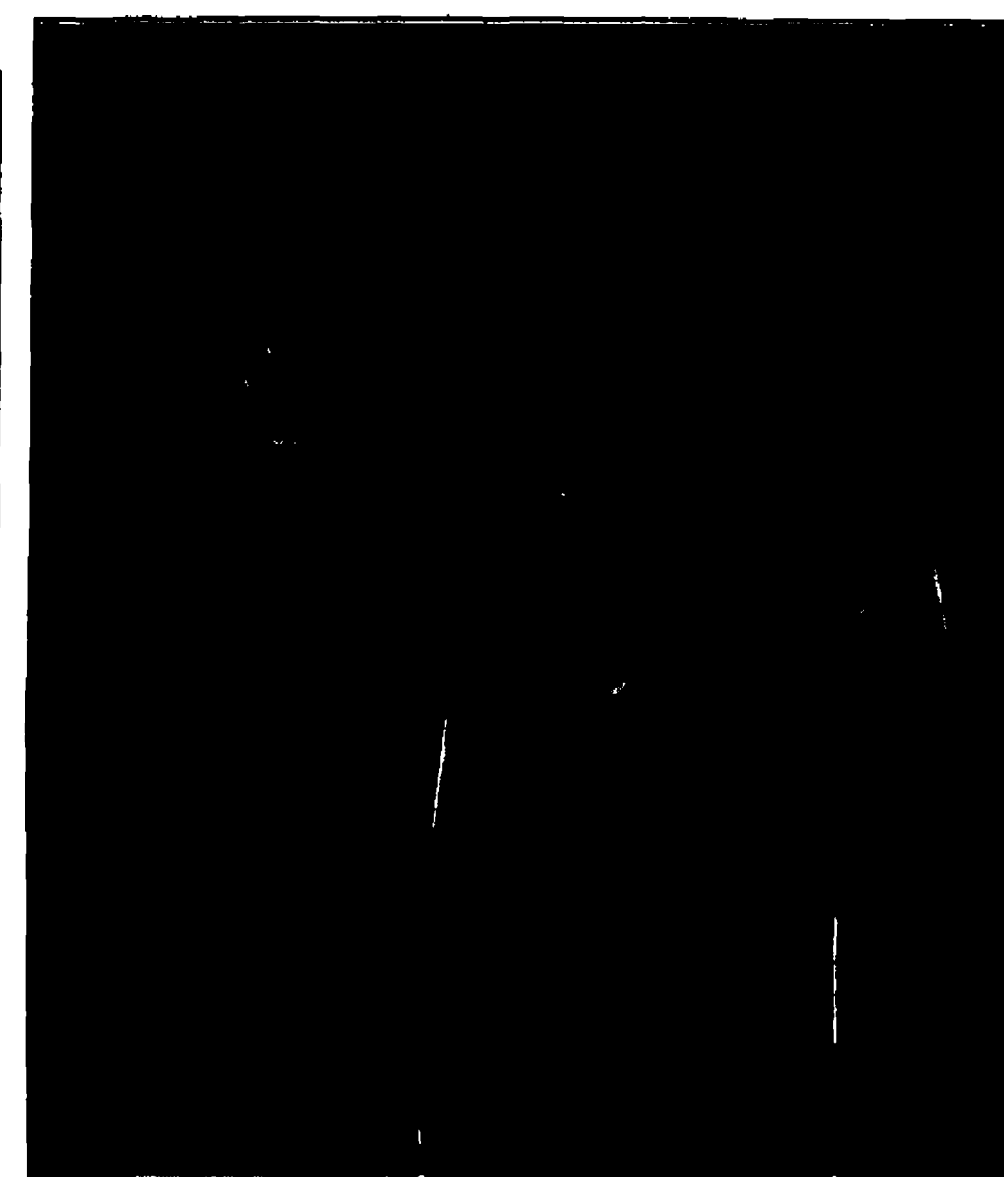
NUMEROUS AWARDS -- Ron Case (far right), coach and of Grayling Youth Bowling and emcee for the awards banquet announces the winners at the annual awards banquet held at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium.



TROPHIES GALORE -- This table full of trophies and awards were presented to participants in the Grayling Youth Bowling program. It is a tradition that bowlers only receive one special award. Trophies and plaques were presented for perfect attendance, high games, high series and in many other categories. The awards ceremony was held at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium on the campus of Grayling High School.



IT'S BIGGER THAN ME -- This bowler walks off the stage with his trophy at the Grayling Youth Bowling awards banquet.



MAGICIAN -- Evan Glicker, a Grayling High School student, performs a magic act for the audience at the Grayling Youth Bowling awards banquet held Saturday.



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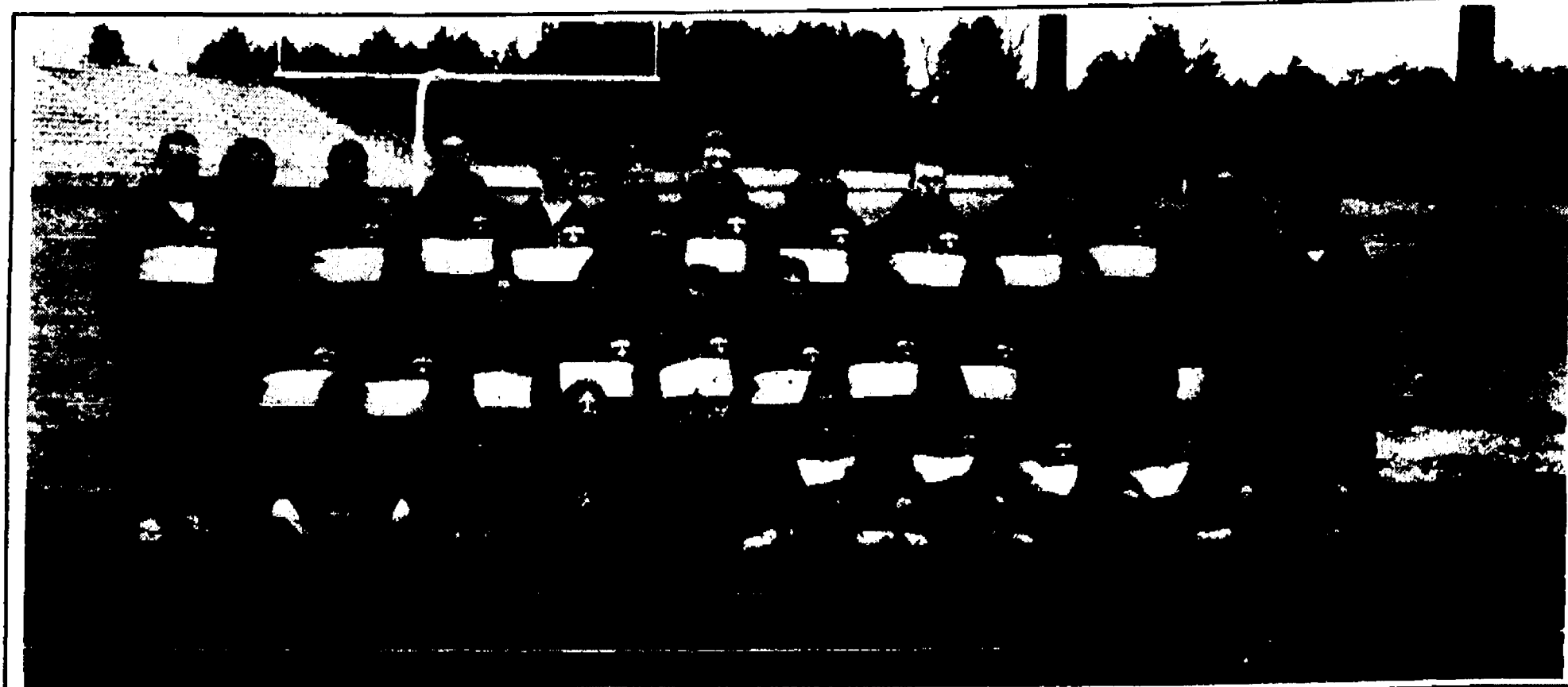
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TRACK ATHLETES -- The Grayling High School track team is (front, from left) Kathy Wuman, Jimmy Hannum, Terah Armstrong, Melanie McClain, Brooke Ginther, Mary Hibard, Jessie Becks, Libby Galvani and Kami Zimmerman. The middle row (l-r) is Nicole Craigie, Stephanie Wichert, Mary Dobry, Lindsey Voelker, Annie Becks, Jason Boreo, Jesse Hannum, Travis Parkinson, Dave Hawkins, Marc Kiefer, Tiffany Craigie and Ethan Isenhauer. The back row (l-r) is coach Mike Neff, Simon Jahnichen, Dave Sabin, Mike Marelich, Mickey McClain, Armands Graube, Armand Lawrence, Brad Ritter, Jeremy Colby, Nate Hinkle, Nate Beckwith, coach Keith Seybert and coach Diane Isenhauer.

photo by Craig Hofman

Track team gets some good individual performances

Although the weather has not reached the conditions that people associate with track and field events, the Grayling High School track teams have started the season.

The boys' and girls' teams will be traveling to compete in a number of invitation tournaments and meets in hopes of peaking later in the season when the weather is warmer and the

stakes are higher.

The two high school track squads competed against 16 other teams at the Clare Invitational on Friday, April 25.

The top finishing event for the Viking boys' team came in the 400-meter relay. The team of Jesse Hannum, Travis Parkinson, David Sabin and Simon Jahnichen finished in fifth place with a time of 47.1

seconds.

The girls' team brought home a fourth place and three fifth place individual performances. The 3,200-meter relay team of Brooke Ginther, Terah Armstrong, Melanie McClain and Mary Dobry finished in fourth place. The relay team crossed the finish line with a time of 10:39.

Nicole Craigie finished fifth in the

300-meter hurdles. A 52.1 time gave her the top five finish. Ginther ran the 800-meter run in 2:42 for fifth place. McClain also won an individual fifth place, finishing the 3,200-meter run in 13:11.

The Grayling tracksters had a number of good finishes against Standish Sterling and Saginaw Valley Lutheran in a meet on April 23.

The 400-meter relay team had another good showing. Hannum, Jahnichen, Parkinson and Sabin won the event with a time of 47.99. The boys' team had one other first-place finish. Hannum won the long jump, jumping a distance of 18-feet, 1/4-inches.

The 3,200-meter relay team of Armand Lawrence, Mike Marlich, Armands Graube and Marc Kiefer finished second. Mickey McClain took second in the 110-meter high hurdles, finishing with a time of 16.42.

The same members of the 400 relay team combined in the 800 relay for a second-place finish. They finished the race in 1:41. Another runner-up relay team was the 1,600-meter relay squad from Grayling. Sabin Parkinson, McClain and Mike Marlich teamed up to finish second. The other second place for the boys went to Travis Parkinson. He ran the 200-meter dash in 24.81.

The girls team from Grayling was only able to win one event at the April 23 meet, but the Viking girls finished second in 11 events.

The lone first-place finish went to the 3,200-meter relay team. Ginther, Armstrong, McClain and Dobry won the event with a time of 11:06.

Nicole Craigie finished second in four events. She had a jump of 13-2.25 in the long jump. She also finished second in the 100-meter dash, finishing with a time of 14.52. Craigie was runner-up in the 100-meter high hurdles (18.76) and 300-meter low hurdles (55.31).

Mary Hibbard, Jessie Becks, Libby Galvani and Annie Becks combined for a second-place finish (2:16) in the 800 relay. Hibbard, Stephanie Wichert, Jessie and Annie Becks were second in the 400-meter relay (1:03). Dobry, Armstrong, Karen Wyman and Ginther ran the 1,600 relay in 4:53 for a second place.

Wyman also had two seconds in individual events. She was second in the 200 (30.8) and the 400 (1:12). Dobry finished second in the 1,600 (6:24). Ginther ran the 800 in 2:44 for second place.

The Vikings JV track members took part in the Harrison Junior Varsity Invitational in the early season.

Nathan Hinkle won the high jump, clearing the bar at a height of 5-10. Armand Lawrence, Jason Boreo, David Hawkins and Neil Joza took third (9:31) in the 3,200 relay.


The girls' JV members brought back three firsts. Ginther, Armstrong, McClain and Dobry won the 3,200 relay in 10:54. McClain also won the 3,200 (13:15) and Ginther won the 800 (2:39.8).

Dobry finished second in the 1,600 (6:07). Lindsey Voelker placed third in both field events. She threw the discus 72-7.5 and the shot put 25-6.5.

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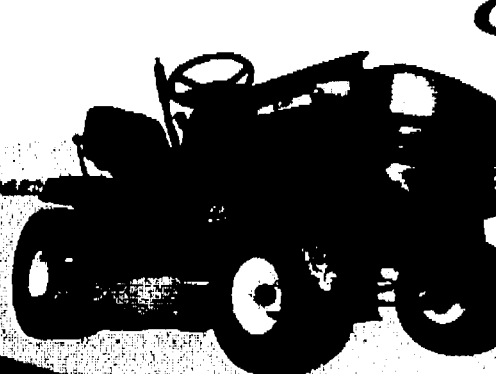
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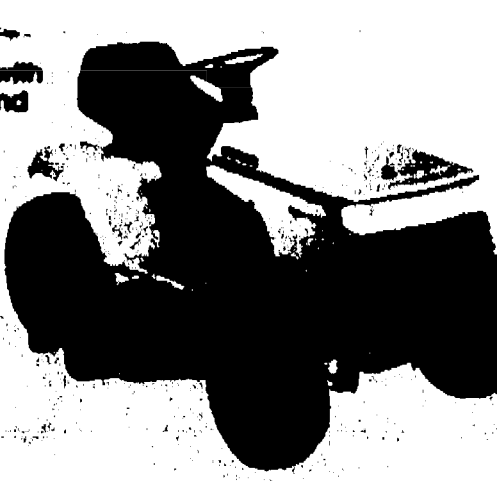
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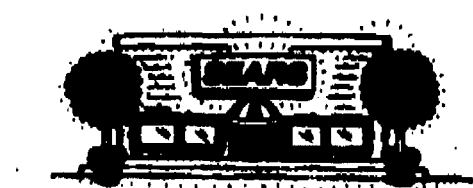
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Viking golfers hit links

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

The inexperience aside, the Grayling High School girls golf team jumped into their season on Monday, April 21 down in Midland to take on Bay City John Glenn and Midland High School at Currie East golf course in Midland.

The Vikings as a team came in third with a total of 283. Midland won the tri-meet with a 234 and Bay City got a 255.

Bay City John Glenn's Elizabeth Sturm was the medalist with a 56 followed by Jen McKay of Midland and Grayling's Marianne Vollmer both shot a 57.

Katie Southard followed Vollmer with a 65 and Jamie Reed posted a 78. Kim Kozlowski had an 83.

The Vikings took on a tough experienced Alpena team at home on Thursday, April 24.

The Vikings were defeated. "Everyone improved their scores during the meet," said coach Brenda Tuskan.

Friday, April 25, the Vikings traveled to Ludington for the Ludington Invitational.

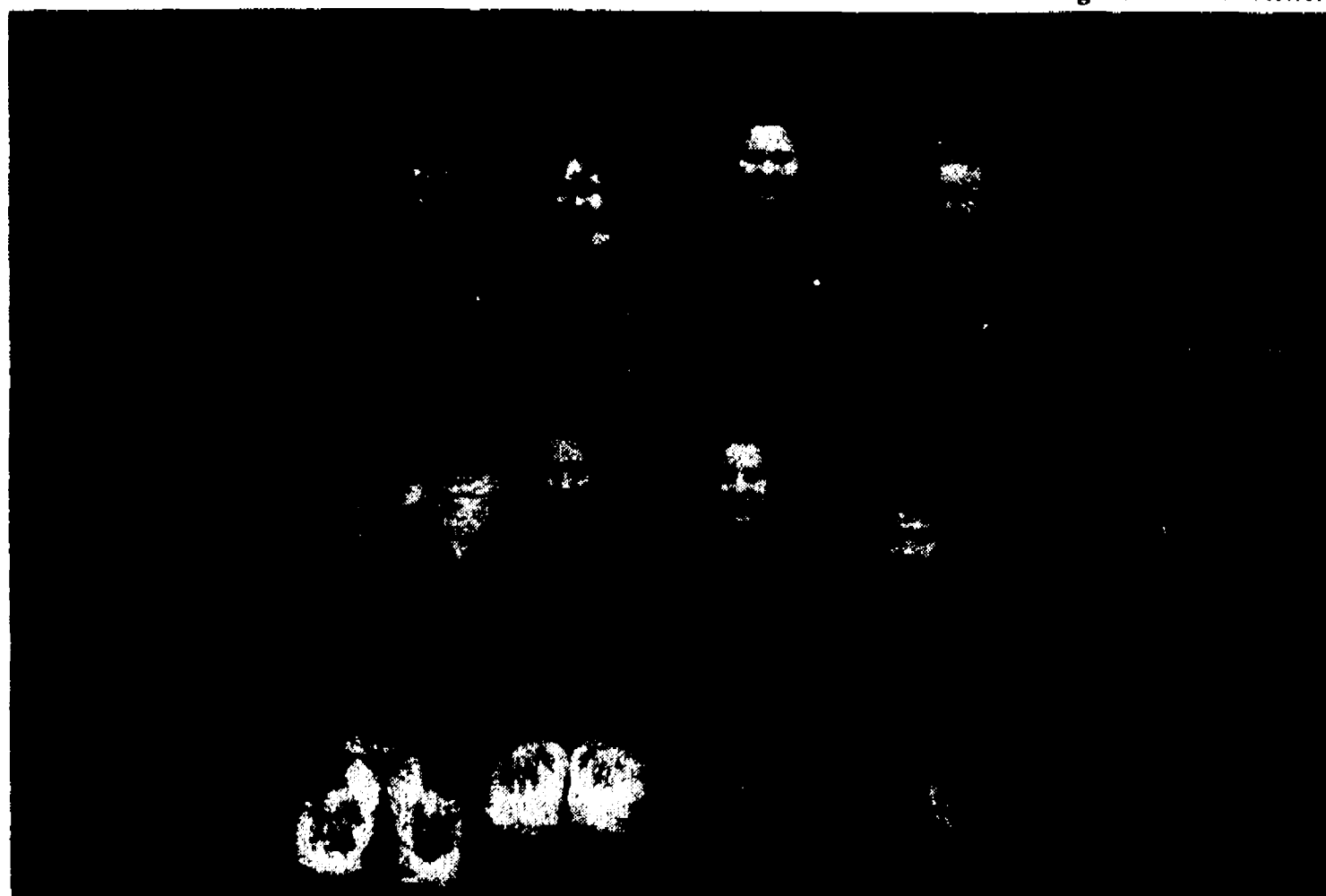
The invitational featured 21 teams from central Lower Michigan.

The Vikings had a combined 522 and came in at No. 20.

Marianne Vollmer led the Vikings with a 56 and 57 for a combined 113.

"The team did well for playing in their first invitational which they played 18 holes. It was good experience for the six freshmen who will improve every year and should be very competitive by their senior year," Tuskan said.

The Vikings have a home meet at Grayling Country Club on Friday, May 3 against Bay City John Glenn.



GOLFING LADIES -- The Grayling High School girls golf team is (front, from left) Marianne Vollmer, Amy Stevenson, Jamie Reed and Kim Kozlowski. The back row (l-r) is Tracy Mowrey, Erin McCarver, Katie Southard and Megan Neuberger. photo by Craig Hofman

Athletic summer camps posted for basketball and football

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

Grayling High School will be sponsoring summer sports camps for basketball and football for fifth through eighth grade (currently fourth through seventh graders).

The camps will run June 17-20. Students may join the basketball camp or the football camp or can attend both for a discounted price.

The cost to join the basketball camp is \$22, which includes a T-shirt. The camp will be held from 9 to 11 a.m.

The football camp will also cost \$22, which includes a T-shirt. That camp will run from noon to 2 p.m.

To join both camps it will cost \$40. Campers will receive a camp T-shirt as well as lunch from 11 a.m. to noon.

According to coach Rich Moffitt, director of the basketball camp, the

camp will stress offensive skill development and team play.

It will feature five-on-five league games, free throw contests, long shot, hot shot and a three-on-three tournament.

The football camp, directed by coach Rodney Patterson will emphasize the importance of football fundamentals both offensively and defensively. The Veer Triple Option offense will be stressed with emphasis on all offensive positions.

Defensively the pass rush, alignments and coverage will be stressed.

Seven-on-seven league games and a punt, pass and kick competition will be featured.

Moffitt is also holding a camp June 17-20 for next years second through

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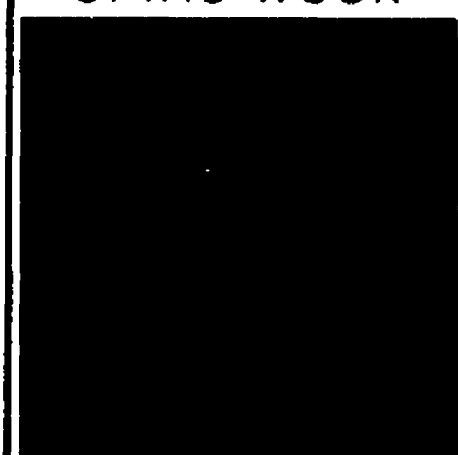
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Viking Kim Kozlowski was chosen Viking of the Week for her showing of consistency of play.

Soccer wins one, ties one

The NMC United U-14 Boys' Travel Soccer Team played at Bowers Harbor in Traverse City on Sunday, April 27. The team roster is made up of players from Gaylord, Bellaire, Central Lake and Grayling's Josh Petrie.

United's first game on the day ended in a 0-0 tie with the Traverse City Cyclones. United pushed the ball up hard and outshot Traverse City 15-5, but could not put the ball in the net.

The second game was a 4-1 victory over Charlevoix. Matt Collins got United's first score of the game in the first half. Charlevoix answered by halftime with a goal and the teams were tied until the second half.

Craig Combs scored early in the second half to put United ahead. Later in the half, Chris Greening and Will Bedell added goals to seal United's first win of the year. Steve Janssens had assists on three of the four goals, with Jon Lake also adding one assist.

Andy Grafenauer handled the goalkeeping duties for both games, with a shutout in the Traverse City tie.

DARE to hold golf outing

The Crawford County Sheriff's office and DARE will be holding a golf outing June 6, at 10 a.m. to the Fox Run Country Club.

The golf will be played as four-man scrambles. Prizes include a \$100 gift certificate for each member of the winning team. A new car for a hole-in-one and a trip for two to Mackinaw Island.

An entry fee of \$50 per person is required. All proceeds will benefit the Crawford County DARE and other drug abuse programs.

Register by May 30 by sending a check to DARE, Crawford County, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Call 348-4616 ext. 304 to be included as a contributing sponsor.

PRACTICING HER SWING

-- Katie Southard, a member of the Grayling High School girls golf team, practices her swing.

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LAKE MICHIGAN LIGHTS Learn about lighthouses with Don Werling, founding president of the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association. Tour picturesque Lake Michigan lighthouses. (June 13-14; 7-9 pm Friday, 7 am - 7 pm Saturday; \$65.)

Grayling varsity baseball struggles continue

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School varsity baseball team is going through a tough period starting out 0-10.

The Vikings played Whittemore-Prescott on Monday, April 21. The Cardinals defeated the Vikings 10-0 in the first game.

The Vikings struggled offensively with no hits and 10 strikeouts. Defensively the Vikings had five errors and Eddie Baynam gave up five walks.

The Cardinals were able to score 10 runs on five hits.

Baynam had four strikeouts.

The second game saw Grayling improve offensively with seven hits, but lost 9-3.

Tim Anderson was the starting pitcher and had five strikeouts and four walks. He also went 3-for-3 with three basehits.

Eddie Baynam was 0-3 but scored twice when he reached on an error and a walk.

The Vikings still struggled defensively with six errors.

The Cardinals only had five hits but were able to score three runs in the seventh without a hit.

The Vikings next games were against an always competitive Ogemaw Heights team.

The first game was a real struggle for the Vikings who lost 19-0. Ogemaw had nine hits in the game, five in the fifth inning. They scored

eight runs.

The second game saw an improved Grayling team. The Vikings lost 11-7, but saw some offensive production.

The Vikings scored five runs in the fourth inning to make it a 10-7 game, but could not make the comeback.

The Vikings traveled to Gladwin on Friday, April 25.

In game one Aaron Perrin struckout five, but struggled with his control and walked eight. Gladwin had seven hits.

The Vikings had six hits and only one error, but could only produce one run. The Vikings lost 10-1.

In game two, Tim Anderson only walked two batters. The Vikings gave up eight hits.

The Vikings committed five errors

and got six hits. They lost 12-2.

"We are giving up a lot of unearned runs. Physical errors and walks have hurt us," coach Fred Wolcott said.

"We played with a lot of energy at Gladwin and out heads were in the game, but we have to develop confidence in the field," Wolcott said.

"We seem to have one inning we self destruct and get so far behind that we cannot afford to put pressure on their defense. We need to avoid the big inning," Wolcott said.

"We have 21 more games to improve and the players are working hard," Wolcott said.

The Vikings played Kalkaska and Tawas recently and travel to Pinconning on Friday, May 2.

Tennis continues improvement

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

The Grayling boys tennis team continues to gain experience and wins.

The Vikings took on Elk Rapids and lost 6-1, but posted many game victories and close matches.

Shane Colby won his match at No. 3 singles 6-2, 0-6, 6-2. Mike Winters fought through three tough sets, but came up short with a 6-4, 6-7, 4-6 defeat.

The No. 1 doubles team of Travis Hopp and Jeremy Jones started out strong with a 6-2 first set victory and a close 4-6 second set loss, but struggled in the third set 0-6.

No. 3 doubles Ravi Ramaswamy and Travis Beckett played hard and fought, but were defeated 2-6, 6-4 and 4-6.

The Vikings took on Traverse City St. Francis on Thursday, April 24 and

struggled, but showed improvement against an experienced team.

No. one singles player John Mura lost his match 0-6, 0-6.

Shane Colby was defeated 1-6, 3-6 at No. two singles.

Ryan Caffke put up a strong showing at No. 3 singles losing 1-4 and 4-6.

The doubles team of Ramaswamy and Beckett lost at No. 3 doubles 2-6, 2-6.

"We are showing improvement

against established programs. We have already doubled the amount of games we won last years," said coach Tom Mills.

"We have put ourselves in a position to win a match. We keep working hard and improve every week. We are rebuilding a program that was very competitive and that will take us a few years," Mills said.

The team plays Tuesday, May 6 at home against Charlevoix.

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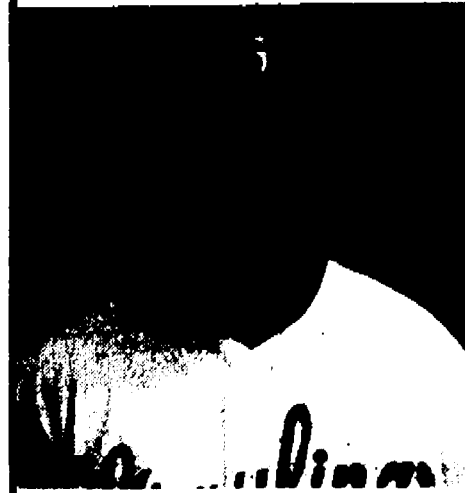
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Viking of the week



Baseball
Tim Anderson

Viking senior Tim Anderson was chosen Viking of the Week. He had five strikeouts and went 3-for-3 with three base hits against Whittemore-Prescott.

Junior varsity softball off to 4-3 beginning

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School junior varsity softball team is off to a strong start, but have had some recent injuries.

The Vikings played their first games against Roscommon. They won the first game 11-6 and the second 8-6.

"We played well for our first game and we played as a team," said head coach Kim Laughton.

The Vikings continued their winning

ways against Lake City. They won the first game 14-12. The Vikings came back and scored six runs in the last inning. Andrea Elmy hit a homerun.

The Vikings won the second game 20-9 and merced Lake City in the fifth inning.

"We played really well and these were some exciting games," Laughton said.

The Vikings played Ogemaw Heights and lost the first game 27-20 in a three and one-half hour marathon game.

The second game was called due to darkness in the third inning. The Vikings were winning 14-12.

The Vikings played Gladwin and struggled. The Vikings were merced in both games 20-3 and 19-3.

"We started out the season strong, but four injuries in one week has hurt our teams production. I hope we get healthy as the year goes on," Laughton said.

Amanda Love is a dedicate hard worker. Andrea Elmy has been a big hitter. Emily Weaver is playing hurt and giving it her all, stated Laughton.

Sophomore Sara Bassett has been hitting well.

"I have high expectations for us and I feel the girls will come a long way by the end of the year," Laughton said.

The Vikings play Pinconning at home on Friday, May 2.

WARMING UP -- Shane Colby, a member of the Grayling High School boys tennis team, returns a serve. He recently won his match at Elk Rapids 6-2, 0-6, 6-2.

photo by Craig Hofman

Junior varsity ball team hits slump

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

After starting the season 2-0 the Grayling High School junior varsity baseball team had a hard week going 0-4.

The week started out with the junior varsity Whittemore-Prescott games being cancelled.

The team visited Ogemaw Heights and lost the first game 9-2 and the second game 10-0.

Rusty Strohpaul pitched well in the first game, but the defense had five errors which hurt the Vikings.

The Vikings offense disappeared with 16 strikeouts.

Chad Ellis had a homerun and a double and accounted for two of the teams five hits.

The second game the Vikings had even more trouble offensively with only one hit by Ray Pile in the top of the fifth inning. The Vikings struckout 11 times.

"We struck out 27 times in two games. We need to get the ball into

play," said coach Duane VanDrese. The Vikings struggles continued in Gladwin.

Jeremy Millikin started and pitched well, but the defense was lacking with three errors and the Vikings lost 12-0.

"We were in the game, but gave up seven runs in the fifth. Until then it was only 2-0," VanDrese said.

Gladwin had 15 hits to Grayling's three. Travis Hubert, Josh Sheldon and Ray Trudgeon were the players with hits.

The second game was also competitive early.

The Vikings were only down 2-1 going into the fifth inning when Gladwin scored nine runs. The Vikings produced three hits, but struckout seven times.

"We need to get a winning attitude and not get down on ourselves," VanDrese said.

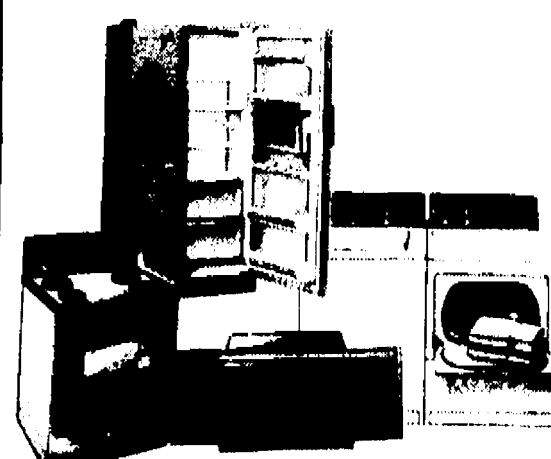
The junior varsity team played Tawas on Tuesday, April 29 and play at home against Pinconning on Friday, May 2.

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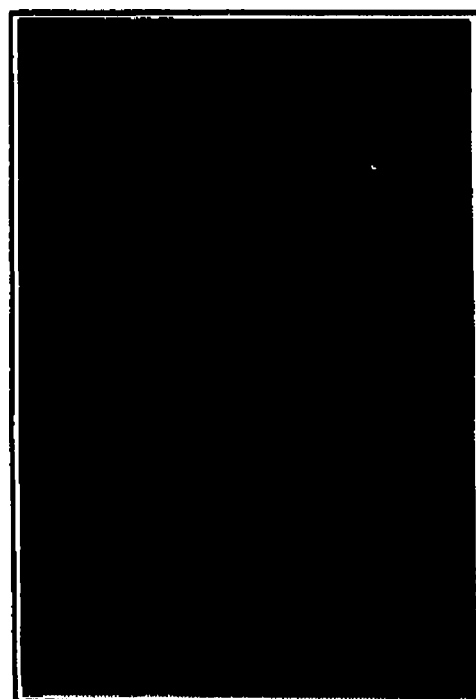
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HEADING HOME -- Jeremy Latuszek, a member of the Grayling High School boys junior varsity baseball team, rounds the bases and heads for home during a recent contest.

photo by Craig Hofman



SAFE! -- This junior varsity Viking is safe at home. The Vikings are off to a slow start this season.

photo by Craig Hofman

Kirtland plans graduation

Kirtland Community College conducts its 28th Commencement Exercises on Friday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the G.I. Stewart Auditorium. More than 100 of the 250 graduating students are expected to participate in the ceremonies and receive their Associate Degrees or Certificates from college officials.

Arthur E. Ellis, superintendent of Public Instruction for the Michigan Department of Education, will deliver the commencement address. The program will also feature welcoming remarks by Cary Vajda, dean of Student Services; a message from Kirtland President Dr. Dorothy N. Franke; recognition of this year's outstanding alumna, Grace M. Scott; recognition of faculty and staff members; and, the conferring of the degrees and granting of certificates to graduates. A reception with graduates, their families and guests will be held in the Student Center immediately following the ceremonies.

Ellis became state superintendent in January 1996, having served as interim superintendent since August 1995. Before coming to the Michigan Department of Education, he was the director of the Michigan Department of Commerce, a position held since 1991. The previous 20 years were spent first as vice president, Public Affairs, Central Michigan University, and then as president of that university. Ellis served as secretary, Board of Regents, Eastern Michigan University; an M.A., in Administration from Eastern Michigan University; and, an L.L.D. in Humane Letters from Central Michigan University.

Kirtland Community College, established in 1966, is celebrating its 31st anniversary. Including its 1997 graduates, it has issued almost 5,000 Associate Degrees or Certificates during that time. It serves more than 2,500 students and area residents each year. The college currently offers 53 Certificate and Associate degrees.

Congressman Camp invites seniors to apply

Senior citizens with an interest in the political process have an opportunity to work side-by-side with Congressman Dave Camp (R-MI) as participants in the Congressional Senior Citizen Intern Program in the nation's capital.

"I encourage all interested seniors to apply for the Congressional Senior Citizen Intern Program. Senior interns have the opportunity to visit our nation's capital to witness firsthand the legislative process and gain a practical understanding of how our government works," Camp said. "They learn how public policy affects their lives and how their efforts can affect public policy. Past senior interns tell me that after their week in Washington, they were well-equipped to take on even greater leadership roles when they returned home."

The program offers an in-depth look at key public policy issues through discussions with members of Congress, administration officials, reporters, and other policy experts. In addition, interns will spend half a day in the Capitol Hill office of their representative or senator to see

firsthand how a congressional staff works.

The program will be held May 17-24 in Washington, DC. Included in the \$1,000 tuition price are seven nights lodging in a major metropolitan hotel, in-town transportation, all meals (except two lunches), all seminars and other program activities, an evening at the theater, and more. The program cost does not include transportation to and from Washington, DC.

Senior citizens interested in interning for Camp should call Tammy Wagester at the Washington office at (202) 225-3561. Deadline for application is April 30.

In addition, Close Up conducts other government studies programs for older Americans, taking them behind the scenes in Washington to help them gain an understanding of policy development. These week-long sessions will be conducted between April and June.

For brochures and more information on the Congressional Senior Citizen Intern Program or other Close Up Programs for Older Americans, call toll-free 800-363-4762.

Mental health month recognized

North Central Community Mental Health is one of the thousands of organizations across the country to participate in this year's Mental Health Month celebration. The annual May commemoration aims to call attention to the value of mental healthcare and community wellness.

"Mental Health Month provides us all with an outstanding opportunity to make a connection with a friend or family member who is experiencing difficulty," said Greg Paffhouse, executive director. "Nearly one in two of us will experience a mental health or addictive disorder at some point in our lives. We must all work for the preservation of behavioral healthcare treatment and show our support for each other."

Anyone who knows of someone who is experiencing emotional difficulties should take the time to make the connection with them. "Tell them you care about them and ask how they are feeling. Let them know help and

treatment are available," the organization points out.

"We help people make dramatic changes in their lives every day," said Paffhouse. "Mental Health Month is a time to celebrate past accomplishments and set new goals for the future."

Mental Health Month, a Congressionally recognized observance was first celebrated as Mental Health Week in 1949. In the late 1960's, the national observance was expanded to Mental Health Month in an effort to bring even greater attention to the activities and services of the mental healthcare movement. Today, North Central CMH joins the National Community Mental Healthcare Council and thousands of community behavioral healthcare organizations in celebration of Mental Health Month.

For immediate access to information about mental health, please call Alpha Center, a division of North Central CMH, at 1-800-49-ALPHA.

Michigan retail sales gain momentum

A strong showing in March by Michigan's apparel, general merchandise and furniture and appliance retailers helped push up retail sales across the state for the second month in a row.

Overall, 51 percent of the state's retailers reported increased sales over the same month a year ago, according to the Michigan Retail Index, a joint project of the Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Another 16 percent reported no change, while 33 percent saw sales decline.

In February, 45 percent had reported year-to-year sales increases. In January, only 39 percent saw sales rise.

"In March we saw sales and other retail activity continue to gain momentum," said Larry Meyer, MRA Chief Executive Officer and former director of the Michigan Department of Commerce. "Sales continued to rebound from their temporary slump at the start of the year."

The Index, which is based on a monthly survey of MRA members across the state, showed March increases over February in all categories except retail prices. For the second month in a row, year-to-year changes in inventory, promotional activities and hiring all showed improvement from the previous month. General merchandise retailers

(including department stores) led the industry, with 65 percent reporting sales increases. They were followed by furniture and appliance retailers, 58 percent, and apparel retailers, 53 percent. It was the best performance by apparel retailers since last October.

The Michigan Retailers Association is the unified voice of retailing in Michigan and the nation's largest state trade association of general merchandise retailers. MRA's 4,500 retail business members operate more than 8,000 stores across the state.

Effort begins to save Michigan veteran's fund

U.S. Representatives Dave Camp (R-MI) and John Dingell (D-MI) are leading the Michigan delegation in an effort to ensure high quality veterans' health care on the eve of a policy change that will shift millions of Veterans Hospital dollars out of the state.

"We fear that cutting \$16 million from the networks that serve Michigan's veterans would be highly detrimental and that further study is warranted," said Camp, in a letter to Veterans Affairs Secretary Jesse Brown signed by every Michigan member of the U.S. House of Representatives. "We respectfully request that the VA provide us with detailed information on the means by which you will assure that veterans in Michigan will not experience a decline in the quality of care in the face of new allocation of funds."

The President announced Jan. 15 that a VA hospital formula shift would take place April 1 that reduces funding for 15 midwest and northeastern states, while increasing funds by as much as 16 percent for Arizona, Florida and Texas.

Camp represents 62,390 veterans in the Fourth Congressional District. There are currently 949,000 veterans statewide, constituting the eighth-highest population of veterans in the United States.

"We regularly hear concerns about the level and quality of care veterans receive in the existing health care system," said Camp. "Although we are encouraged by the steps the VA has taken to simplify and refine the system, we are nonetheless concerned about the effect on Michigan's veterans."

Anti-billboard efforts praised

Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the state's largest conservation organization, praised three state senators for their efforts to reduce the destructive effects billboards have on the scenic quality of Michigan.

Senate Majority Policy Leader Dick Posthumus (T-Alto), Senator Leon Stille (R-Spring Lake) and Senator Loren Bennett (R-Canton Township) gathered together on Earth Day, April 22 to announce two initiatives aimed toward the preservation of Michigan's scenic natural beauty.

"Senator Stille's Scenic Michigan Initiative and Senator Bennett's Senate Bill 341 are positive steps toward decreasing the proliferation of billboards and restoring our states natural heritage," said Richard L. Jameson, executive director of Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC).

"I am confident that putting restrictions on commercial signage, such as content, proximity and size, will greatly reduce the number of existing billboards. Billboards are unattractive and their continued use drastically degrades Michigan's scenic beauty. It is about time that someone recognized their terrible effects and made an effort to preserve the beauty of this state by protecting our roadsides."

In 1972, the Michigan State Legislature passed the Highway Advertising Act. This act was originally designed to regulate and control outdoor advertising with the hopes of preserving the scenic beauty of the state.

Now, 25 years after its passage, the act has become little more than a billboard protection program, Jameson said. A person traveling down one of Michigan's highways can expect to see signs that are wider, taller, and more plentiful than they were in 1972. According to the Michigan Department of Transportation, 9,513 commercial signs currently stand along Michigan highways, and permits have been purchased for another 3,230 more signs that could be erected at any time.

Stille's bill will put greater restrictions on billboards by giving regulation control to counties, eliminating vegetation removal around billboards, and encouraging the preservation of scenic corridors.

"Michigan is 10th out of all 50 states in total number of billboards and, on the average, travelers see a billboard

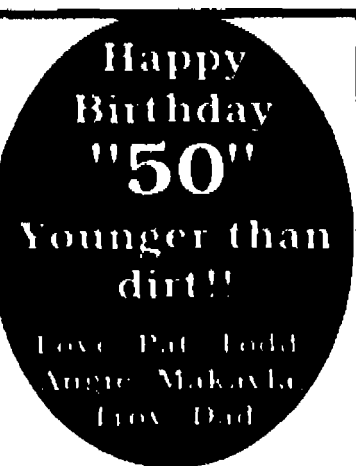
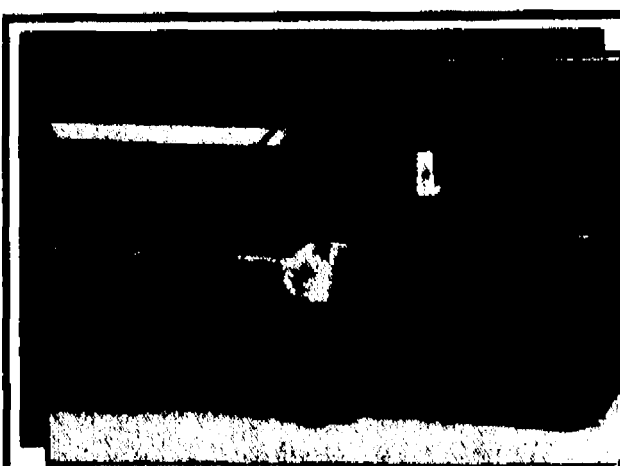
every mile they are on Federal Aid Highways. A state whose second largest industry is tourism cannot allow these eyesores to continue dominating our scenic landscape," said Jameson.

The second billboard initiative, sponsored by Bennett, will ban tobacco advertising on billboards. "Cigarette companies pour millions of dollars into billboards because they are a sure way to reach the motoring public. Children recognize Joe Camel as easily as Mickey Mouse," said Jameson.

"The business industry claims that billboards are necessary for travelers, yet small and informative logo signs and state tourist information programs along highways make this belief obsolete. What is necessary for travelers, the business industry, and the future of tourism in Michigan is a scenically pleasing countryside. From an environmental and financial viewpoint, this state cannot afford to allow billboards to further litter our roadsides."

MUCC also supports two pieces of legislation that have been introduced in the House of Representatives. House Bill 4343 sponsored by Tom Alley (E-West Branch) would prohibit tobacco advertising on billboards, and House Bill 4517 sponsored by Mick Middaugh (R-Paw Paw) calls for an immediate moratorium on new billboards.

The Michigan Environmental Council (MEC) also came forward to voice its support of the two bills. "It's good to see us finally show some pride in our beautiful state," said Lana Pollack, president of MEC. "MEC is pleased to stand with MUCC in supporting the reduction of litter on a stick." Other groups that support the billboard legislative initiatives are Scenic Michigan, the Coalition on Smoking or Health, and the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan.



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Mercury use being phased out by hospitals

Mercury Hospital in Grayling is taking measures to reduce and eventually eliminate equipment with mercury.

The Department of Environmental Quality is urging Michigan businesses and individuals to voluntarily eliminate the use of mercury.

Hospitals and utility companies across the state are actively participating in this voluntary mercury prevention, said Steve Kratzer, DEQ pollution prevention specialist.

"Groups are willing to come forward to make a commitment," Kratzer said.

"We don't order any equipment with mercury," said Lloyd Ford, director of facilities management at Mercy Hospital.

There still are some left-over mercury thermometers, but it's hoped

those will be eliminated within the next year, Ford said.

Mercury spills don't happen often, he said. "We've had one mercury spill over the last year."

When mercury does spill in the hospital, a clean-up policy is followed.

They use clean-up kits. The mercury is put in a hazardous chemical bag, and taken away by a licensed waste hauler, he said.

"Medical waste has reduced significantly," said Joy Taylor, DEQ environmental quality specialist for air quality in Lansing.

Hospitals can reduce mercury use by using mercury-free equipment, such as digital thermometers, and recycling batteries, Taylor said.

Mercury is known to be dangerous

to people in high concentrations, but it can also be hazardous when small amounts are released into the environment.

When mercury gets into a lake, it can affect fish, and especially predators such as bass, walleye and pike can be dangerous to eat, Taylor said.

Women who are pregnant or plan to have children, and children under 15-years-old should avoid eating these fish, or not eat them more than once a month, said Dr. Jim Bedford, an environmental health specialist in the state Department of Community Health.

"One fish meal will not have much effect," Bedford said. But, if high amounts of mercury are consumed, "it affects the nervous system eventually."

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: *One of the best things to hold onto in this world is a friend.*

Happenings at the Center and announcements of things to come: Evening games after dinner on April 29 and our "Roarin' 20's" dance on April 29 at "Big Al's Place." Pantry Bingo on May 2 and our Sunday brunch with chipped beef on toast on May 4: serving from 10 to 1. Commodities from 10 to 11 on Wednesday, May 7, and pick-up at the Center after 11:30: BK Bingo at 5:30 on May 7 and BP's taken from 11 till noon on May 8. Frederic Satellite on May 9 with pantry bingo at the Center. Share sign-up on May 12 from 10 till 2 at the Center. Foot Clinic, by appointment on May 12, as well.

Special announcement of our Mother's Day dinner and dance on May 6. We will be serving cornish game hen and all the trimmings for a very gala affair. Call or stop by and make your reservation soon.

Stop by or give us a call if you have any questions, need help or just for fun (308 Lawndale - 348-7123 or toll free 1-888-355-4500). Remember, if your life isn't becoming to you...you should be coming to us.

Join us for meals; we serve at noon and 5 on Monday thru Thursday and at noon on Friday. Vegetable and fruit salad bar on Tuesday; Soup served on Monday and Wednesday and bread, juice and milk offered each meal. The

charge is \$1.50 donation for seniors and their spouses, regardless of age and a \$3 charge for those under 60. Please try to make a reservation if you can by calling 348-7123. Menus are subject to change without notice.

Lunch/Dinner

- April:
30 - Turkey & Dressing/Roast Pork
May:
1 - Meatloaf/BBQ Beef
2 - Chicken Stir Fry/no dinner
5 - Spaghetti & Meatballs/Chicken Kiev
6 - Wiener Schnitzel/Mother's Day dinner
7 - Chicken Pot Pie/Swiss Steak
8 - Beef Stew/Baked Ham
9 - Brown Steak/no dinner

LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

MORTGAGE SALE: Default having been made in the conditions of certain mortgage **ROBIN JOHN MEYER and LAWRENCE ANN MEYER, husband and wife**, of 10750 N. Billman Road, Roscommon, MI 48663, to **NORTH CENTRAL AREA CREDIT UNION**, of 129 Lake Street, P.O. Box 227, Roscommon, MI 48653, dated May 23, 1994, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of CRAWFORD, and State of Michigan, on June 2, 1994, in Liber 378, Pages 332-337, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest the sum of thirty-six thousand three hundred thirty-three and 33/100 (\$36,323.33) dollars, and no proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

Now therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage thereof and in pursuance to the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage thereof will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or as much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Courthouse

in the City of Grayling, CRAWFORD County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on June 5, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said mortgage together with six and 95/100 (6.95%) percent interest, legal costs, attorney's fees, and also any taxes and insurance that said mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said mortgage as follows, to wit: Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

Lot 411 and 412, INDIAN GLENS OF THE AUSABLE, NO. 6, as recorded in Liber 4 of plat, pages 1 through 14, inclusive, Crawford County records.

Street address: 10750 N. Billman Road. The period of redemption will be six (6) months from the date of sale, unless determined to be abandoned pursuant to M.C.L.A. 600.3241 (1) whereby the period of redemption shall be thirty (30) days.

Dated April 18, 1997.
NORTH CENTRAL AREA CREDIT UNION
LAW OFFICES OF GERARD F. BRAHANT, P.C.
Attorney for Mortgagee
241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35
Roscommon, MI 48653
(517) 275-4365

1-8-15-22-29

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **Steven D. Lesh and Sandra L. Lesh, husband and wife**, mortgagors, of 481 Pere Cheney, Roscommon MI 48653, to **OLD KENT BANK**, a Michigan banking corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 28, 1995, recorded in the Office of Register of Deeds for CRAWFORD County, on August 7, 1995, in Liber 398, on Page 22, and assigned by mortgagee to **OLD KENT MORTGAGE COMPANY**, by an assignment dated July 28, 1995, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for CRAWFORD County, Michigan, on August 7, 1995, in Liber 398, Page 33. Because of said default, the mortgagee has declared the entire unpaid amount secured by said mortgage due and payable forthwith.

As of the date of this notice, there is claimed to be due for principal, interest at the rate of 8.0% per annum and expenses on said mortgage the sum of \$52,706.78. No suit or proceeding in law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay said amount with interest, as provided in said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney's fees allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public sale to the highest bidder at the front lobby of the Crawford County Building, Grayling, Michigan, on Thursday, May 29, 1997, at 10:00 a.m.

The premises covered by said mortgage are situated in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as follows:

Land located in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows: Being a part of the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 7, T25N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: commencing at the W 1/4 corner of said Section 7; thence S88 degrees 00'E along the E & W 1/4, 2040.3 feet to the Point of beginning; thence N 1 degree 46'E 331.2 feet; thence S 87 degrees 57'E 335.86 feet; thence S 1 degree 32'W along 1/4 line, 331.0 feet; thence N 88 degrees 00'W, 337.2 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to the county highway easement over the Southerly 33.0 feet and an easement for ingress and egress and installation and maintenance of public utilities over the westerly 50.0 feet thereof.

The property is commonly known as 481 Pere Cheney, Roscommon, MI 48653.

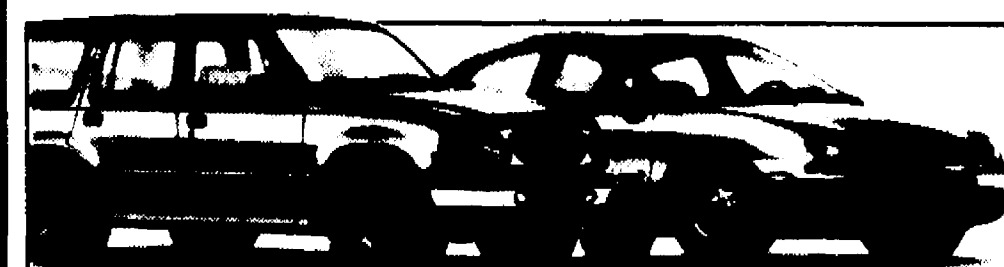
Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: April 25, 1997
OLD KENT MORTGAGE COMPANY
MIKA, MEYERS, BECKETT & JONES, P.L.C.

Attorneys for Assignee
By: Mark A. Kehoe
200 Ottawa Avenue, N.W.
Suite 700
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 459-3200

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LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS

Grayling Township Regular Meeting April 8, 1997

Members present: John Medler, Melvin Nunn, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright

Members absent: None.
Others present: Autumn Smith, Dale E. French, Cal & Sue Brenner, Nathan Weaver, Tina Lohsinger, Justin?

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Wright.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
Motion by O'Mara, support by Medler, to approve minutes of March 11, 1997, as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for March 1997 was read and placed on file.

Correspondence (No action required)
Crawford AuSable School District Board Happenings, 2-10-97 & 3-17-97, Crawford Emergency Central Dispatch Board Meeting Notice, Feb. Activity Report & 1996 Annual Report, Crawford County Board of Comm. meeting minutes, 1-7-97, 1-21-97, 2-4-97, 2-18-97, 3-4-97.

Citizens who wish to speak
1. Duane Brooks, District 7 MDNR representative and Grayling Township Fire Dept. Volunteer, outlined Michigan's Wildfire Firefighting Task Force Report as presented to Representative Allen Lowe recently.

Motion by Ashton, support by O'Mara, that Supervisor Wright should direct letters of support for the Michigan Wildfire Task Force recommendations to Governor Engler, Senator McManus, Director of DNR and Senate Minority Leader. All ayes, motion carried. Recommendations being supported are briefly:

A. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources should remain the lead agency for State Wildfire protection and should be properly staffed and equipped for this task.

B. Specialized heavy equipment needed should be replaced on an annual basis.

C. The wildfire program should be restored to 192 full-time equivalent positions with at least 142 fire officers. The budget to support staff and operations must be increased to approximately 13.5 million dollars annually to accomplish this mission.

D. The forest fire experiment station should be replaced with a modern facility.

E. An emergency wildfire suppression fund must be created and maintained.

F. A DNR Wildfire Advisory Council should be established to oversee future development of and improvements to wildfire suppression programs.

It should be noted that all fire departments in Crawford County are volunteer operations with very limited equipment suitable only for structure fires and grass fires. We are not prepared to provide adequate manpower and equipment to handle major forest fires.

2. Motion by O'Mara, support by Ashton, NOT to enter into a contract with the Road Commission For Crawford County for dust control of Grayling Township Roads for the 1997 season. All ayes, motion carried. Alternatives to be studied are Special Assessment Districts for Dust Control and costs of hiring private contractors to bring roads.

3. Motion by Ashton, support by O'Mara, to adopt the following resolution.

Resolution

Whereas, this month marks the completion of the thirtieth year Paul Elekovich has served as Grayling Township Electrical Inspector, and

Whereas, during these years he has given faithful, conscientious and valuable service, using his broad knowledge of the electrical code and sound judgment to ensure the safety and welfare of Grayling Township residents;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that this Board, on behalf of the Township and the people of the community, acknowledge with gratitude the years of service which Paul has devoted to our government and wish him a long and enjoyable retirement.

Ayes: five, Nays: none, motion carried.

4. The Grayling Township Salary Advisory Committee, consisting of Ken Dorin, Larry Hunter, Jack Mahank, Ken Riehle and Dennis Palmer, has presented its recommendations for elected officials salaries for the 1997-98 and 1998-99 Fiscal Years. The recommendations follow and represent a 2.5% increase in current salaries rounded to the nearest one hundred dollars.

Current Fiscal Year:

Supervisor Non-Cert. \$25,200

Supervisor Level I \$30,800

Supervisor Level II \$33,400

Clerk \$30,400

Treasurer Part-time \$15,800

1997-1998 Fiscal Year:

Supervisor Non-Cert. \$25,800

Supervisor Level I \$31,600

Supervisor Level II \$34,200

Clerk \$31,200

Treasurer Part-time \$16,200

1998-1999 Fiscal Year:

Supervisor Non-Cert. \$26,500

Supervisor Level I \$33,100

Supervisor Level II \$35,100

Clerk \$32,000

Treasurer Part-time \$16,600

Terry Wright, Supervisor, stated he would like to waive the 2.5% increase for 1997-98 F.Y. for the Supervisor's position as he will, hopefully, be moving from non-certified to Level I by the beginning of the new Fiscal Year.

Motion by Nunn, support by Medler, to adopt the following elected officials salaries for 1997:

98 and 1998-99 as recommended by the Salary Advisory Committee and amended by the Supervisor's waiver.

1997-1998 Fiscal Year:

Supervisor Non-Cert. \$25,200

Supervisor Level I \$30,800

Supervisor Level II \$33,400

Clerk \$31,200

Treasurer Part-time \$16,200

1998-1999 Fiscal Year:

Supervisor Non-Cert. \$26,500

Supervisor Level I \$32,400

Supervisor Level II \$35,100

Clerk \$32,000

Treasurer Part-time \$16,600

Roll Call: Nunn: aye, Medler: aye, O'Mara: aye, Ashton: aye, Wright: aye. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Medler, support by O'Mara, to adopt Wage and Salary Policy for non-elected employees as an amendment to the Grayling Township Employment Policy. All ayes, motion carried. The policy sets in place a procedure to evaluating employees salary increases at least every fourth year and establishes an annual cost of living increase.

6. Motion by Medler, support by O'Mara, to reject Township Hall custodial employee's request for \$2.50 hourly pay increase as that position was increased \$2.00 per hour July 1, 1996, and will follow the guidelines of the Wage and Salary Policy adopted above. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Motion by Ashton, support by O'Mara, to establish the following salaries and wages for non-elected employees for the 1997-98 Fiscal Year:

Level I Secretary \$7.00 per hour

Level III Secretary/Dep. Clerk \$20,000 per year

Office Manager/Dep. Treas. \$22,000 per year

Assessor Level I \$25,000 per year
Compactor Attendant \$7.70 per hour
Bldg. Insp./Ord. Enf. Officer \$22,000 per year

Ayes: four, Nays: Medler, motion carried.
8. Motion by Medler, support by Ashton, to authorize amending the Grayling Township Pension Plan (ARA) to include the New Dimensions program offered by Manulife.

9. Motion by Nunn, support by Medler, to amend the Consulting Agreement with International Computer Consultants of Michigan entered into on July 1, 1993, by increasing the hourly contract rate to \$70.00, effective this date (4-8-97). All ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by O'Mara, support by Medler, to set Township Spring Clean-up dates for May 23, 24, 30 and 31, 1997. The compactor station will be open all day on those dates to receive land fillable refuse from Township property owners and residents free of charge. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Motion by Nunn, support by Medler, to allocate \$2,000 in the 1997-98 Fiscal Year General Fund Budget for participation in the AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau's Youth At Risk summer program. All ayes, motion carried.

12. Motion by Ashton, support by O'Mara, to authorize addition of anti-freeze to the heating system in the Township Hall. All ayes, motion carried.

13. Motion by Nunn, support by O'Mara, to authorize Teresa Furst, Valerie Lehti and Pat Kansas to attend The Exceptional Assistant seminar in Traverse City on May 28, 1997. Ayes: four, Nays: Medler, motion carried.

14. Motion by Ashton, support by O'Mara, to authorize Township Board members and

assessor to attend M.T.A. District Meeting in Grayling on May 13, 1997. Ayes: four, Nays: Medler, motion carried.

15. Motion by Nunn, support by Medler, to hire an assistant for the assessing office for sixty business days during the summer of 1997 at \$8.00 per hour. All ayes, motion carried.

16. Motion by O'Mara, support by Ashton, to authorize Supervisor to write a letter encouraging the state to retain the State Fire Marshall's position at the Gaylord State Police Post. All ayes, motion carried.

17. Motion by O'Mara, support by Medler, to approve payment of bills on vouchers 18473, 18474, 18488 through 18535, Guardian Dental \$324.00, liquor inspections, \$90.00 and Board & Comm. fees \$664.00 for a grand total of \$52,383.87. Roll call: All ayes, motion carried. Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.

Grayling Township Clerk

County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty two thousand six hundred twenty seven and 41/100 Dollars (\$52,627.41), including interest at 6.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of County Building Grayling, MI, at 10:00 AM on May 21, 1997.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD COUNTY, Michigan and are described as:

LOTS 47 AND 58, ROY L. ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 03 OF PLATS, PAGE 38, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS, TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.324(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: April 10, 1997

USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, Mortgagee

ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee

Robert A. Tremaine & Associates, P.C.

401 South Woodward Avenue Suite 300

Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

-10-17-24-1-8

MORTGAGE SALE

Robert A. Tremaine & Associates, P.C. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE — Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by BEATRICE A. CANNON AND DALE A. PRIESKORN, both single persons to UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE FARMERS, HOME ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE now known as USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT Mortgagee, dated March 17, 1994, and recorded on March 17, 1994, in Liber 374, on page 569, CRAWFORD

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CRAWFORD COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

Section 25.06 - Penalties

The County Board, or any owner or owners of real estate within the district in which such buildings, structures or land use is situated may institute injunction, mandamus abatement or any other appropriate action, actions or proceedings to prevent, enjoin, abate, or remove any said unlawful erection, construction, maintenance or use of land, buildings or structures. The rights and remedies provided herein are cumulative, and in addition to all other remedies provided by law.

Section 25.07 - Enforcement Procedure

The following additional enforcement procedures may be applicable in the instances of violations of (1) provisions of this Zoning Ordinance, (2) approved special uses, (3) approved planned unit developments, (4) approved site plans or (5) decisions of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning and Zoning Commission, County Board of Commissioners, or Circuit Court relative to a particular land use development or activity approved under the provisions of this Zoning Ordinance:

A. When a violation is initially determined by the Zoning Administrator, it shall be the Administrator's responsibility to issue a "Notice of Zoning Ordinance Violation" to the owner(s) and occupant(s) of the lot or parcel upon which the zoning violation has occurred. This Notice shall be issued on a special form for this purpose and shall at least include the following information pertinent to the violation:

1. Date and location of each violation observed by the Zoning Administrator.
2. Name (s) and addresses of owner (s) and occupant (s).
3. Specific section (s) of the Zoning Ordinance which has been violated. If more than one violation, list each violation and each section violated.
4. Length of time allowed before further prosecution of the violation (s).

B. Failing compliance by owner (s) and occupant (s) by specified date in A. above, the Zoning Administrator shall issue a "Second Notice of Zoning Ordinance Violation."

C. Failure to comply with the procedures outlined in A. and B. above shall then upon recommendation of the Zoning Administrator result in the issuance of a "Notice of Show-Cause Hearing" by the County Planning and Zoning Commission and the holding of a special hearing by the Commission for those parties interested in the violation (s).

D. Failure to comply with the procedure of A, B, and C above shall then result in the issuance of a "Show-Cause Hearing, Finding and Order" by the County Planning and Zoning Commission. The Show-Cause Hearing, Finding and Order Form shall indicate the findings of fact about the violation (s) by the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Commission's conclusions and its order for compliance with the Zoning Ordinance with respect to each violation.

E. In the event of a failure to comply with the procedure outlined in 1-4, the County Board above may then institute of a procedure to seek prosecution of violations in Circuit Court consistent with the relief measures set forth in Section 25.06.

F. In lieu of the procedures outlined in Sections 25.07 A-D, the County Board, upon recommendation of the Zoning Administrator, may proceed directly to Circuit Court to seek prosecution of violations in a manner consistent with the relief measures set forth in Section 25.06.

G. County Board of Commissioners, Zoning Board members, Zoning Board of Appeals members, Building Administrator and any other County official or employee charged with administrative and enforcement duties and responsibilities under provisions of this Zoning Ordinance are hereby protected from all personal liability for damages to persons or property resulting from the carrying out of their duties and responsibilities, providing each official or employee is conducting the carrying out of their duties of their office responsibly to the best of their judgment. In accordance with Public Act 55 of 1970 (MCL 69.1408) any civil charges brought in the conduct of their duties and responsibilities shall be defended by a legal representative of the County until final adjudication of the charges has been concluded and decided upon. If a judgment for damages is awarded against any of the aforementioned county officials and employees as a result of a civil carrying out of their duties and responsibilities under the provisions of this Zoning Ordinance, the County shall pay, negotiate or do all that is necessary to arrive at a settlement in order to abate the charges and satisfy the judgment, providing an official or employee is conducting the carrying out of their duties of office responsibly to the best of their judgment

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF CRAWFORD AuSABLE SALKASKA SCHOOL DISTRICT CRAWFORD, OTSEGO AND KALKASKA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the annual school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 9, 1997.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 9, 1997, IS MONDAY, MAY 12, 1997. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 12, 1997, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

Brian D. Banda
Secretary, Board of Education

FROST LAW NOTICE

In cooperation and coordination with The Michigan Department of Transportation and area road commissions, frost law restrictions imposed on roads in Crawford County were lifted on Monday, April 28, 1997, at 6 a.m.

This notice applies to all primary and local roads, within the jurisdiction on The Road Commission For Crawford County.

James Briney
Managing Director

USDA - FOREST SERVICE HURON - MANISTEE NATIONAL FORESTS MIO RANGER DISTRICT

The Mio Ranger District is inviting comments on five timber sales designed to improve the health and vigor of oak stands, regenerate insect and disease killed oak stands and regenerate mature and overmature jack pine. The Hull's Kitchen Timber Sales would be located in T25N, R1E, Section 16. The Meridian Road Timber Sale would be located in T26N, R1E, Sections 30 and 31 and T26N, R1W, Sections 23, 24, 25 and 26. The Harbor Oak Timber Sale would be located in T26N, R2W Sections 25, 26 and 27 and the Canoe Harbor Timber Sale would be located in T26N, R2W, Sections 35 and 36. These projects would involve thinning overstocked oak stands (628 acres), regenerating insect and disease killed oak stands by either the shelterwood method (383 acres) or clearcutting (104 acres). Some trees in these areas would be girdled and others would be felled and left on site for wildlife. Red pine and white pine would be planted to increase its occurrence or restock understocked stands. Approximately 402 acres of upland openings would either be prescribed burned or brush hogged. Sixteen water holes would be created and roads no longer needed for management purposes would be closed to vehicular traffic. One old gravel pit would be recontoured and seeded. Illegally dumped trash would be cleaned up from areas adjacent to Chase Bridge Road. The environmental assessment is available for review and comment at the Mio District Office.

To ensure adequate time for comment review, comments must be received or post marked within 30 days of the date of this notice. Please include (1) name, address, telephone number, the name of the organization or persons represented and title, (2) title of the document on which the comment is being submitted, and (3) specific facts and supporting reasons regarding your comments.

Please send comments to District Ranger, U.S.D.A. Forest Service, 401 Court Street, Mio, MI 48847.

Copies of the Decision Notice will be sent to people who submit comments, or who request copies during or before the comment period.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC NOTICE OF HERBICIDE PROGRAM

The Michigan Department of Transportation hereby provides public notice of the 1997 herbicide Application Program on the roadside rights-of-way within Presque Isle County.

Applications will be made for control of (1) vegetation in front of guardrails, (2) noxious and broadleaf weeds in turf areas, and (3) woody vegetation (brush) within clear zones. All applications will be ground or foliar applied by vehicular mounted, fixed boom or hand gun, equipment. The following herbicides will be tank mixed for each application:

Guardrail: Round-up (Glyphosate); Karmex (Diuron); Oust (Sulfometuron methyl)

Weed: Vetren 720 (Dimethylamine Salt of Dicamba and 2, 4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid) and Telar (Chlorsulfuron)

Weed on X-ways Telar (Chlorsulfuron) or Escort (Metsulfuron methyl); Amine 4 (2, 4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid).

Brush Garlon 4 (Triclopyr) and Weedar 64 (2, 4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid).

A surfactant, Citry-Plus or Cide-Kickor Cadco 90, will be used with all applications. A drift control agent, 41-A or More, will also be used as needed in all spraying operations.

LOCATIONS: Spraying operations may take place anywhere along the State highways within the County.

DATES: Guardrail treatment may take place between May 5, 1997 and July 1, 1997. Weed treatment may take place between May 5, 1997 and August 1, 1997. Brush treatment may take place between August 15, 1997 and Oct. 31, 1997.

All applications will be made by Certified applicators, employed by the Michigan Department of Transportation. For further information contact:

Lee Sherwood, Resource Specialist
MI Department of Transportation
3022 South US-23
Alpena, MI 49707
Phone: (517) 356-2231

This notice is published per Regulation 637 Act 171, Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of May 4-10

ARIES

March 21-April 19

Your thoughts move along briskly. There is no time to dawdle as you make decisive moves and take the initiative. Someone sitting on the sidelines just needs some encouragement and you'll be an example.

TAURUS

April 20-May 20

A change of pace can be beneficial. It's easier getting into a rut than getting out of one. You will benefit from things going on behind the scenes, so don't force anyone's hand. Friends and foes alike recognize your appeal and ingenuity but keep feet firmly planted on the ground.

GEMINI

May 21-June 20

Financial circumstances offer chance for greater reward, more responsibility. Move ahead cautiously and be willing to defend your views and decisions. Someone you consider an ally may really be playing a waiting game to see how things end up.

CANCER

June 21-July 22

Educational efforts are highlighted. Take a class, go to a museum or read a book—it will pay off in the long run. Ignore the temptation to leave something for later. Finishing a current project or task will provide future benefits. Your appeal grows and others see you in a different light.

LEO

July 23-August 22

People may doubt your motives but your results and convincing manner win them over. You can turn on the charm when you need it, but also know when to be tough-minded. A fresh start could lead to renewed romance and chance for improved opportunities.

VIRGO

August 23-September 22

Emphasis is on independence—be willing to take risks. Go out on a limb and stand up for convictions. An unpopular position may pay off for you. Take your place in front of the crowd, not on the sidelines.

LIBRA

September 23-October 22

There is a cause for celebration after you regain something you thought was lost for good. Your hard work deserves a reward—buy something you've always wanted. Your self-image improves and your thoughtful nature scores points with other people.

SCORPIO

October 23-November 22

Keep a close eye on expenses and money. Go bargain-hunting but be sure you're getting top quality. Maintain your poise and equilibrium; now is not the time to get drawn into disputes.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 21

Your perseverance and hard work pay off. You'll succeed at a task others thought couldn't be done. You are on a roll and leave a lasting good impression. But be careful that your domestic situation isn't short-changed and allowed to grow into a problem.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 19

Focus on family, home and security. A loved one comes through when you need it most. Show your appreciation. Try to go around obstacles and avoid confrontations. Take some time to pamper yourself with a small extravagance.

AQUARIUS

January 20-February 19

Now is the time to do your best work behind the scenes. Wait and watch—you'll know the proper time to make your move. Your intuition about people and situations is on target. Financial problems get resolved in your favor. Personal situation is stickier but will work out. Watch diet and don't overindulge.

PISCES

February 20-March 20

Get your priorities in order: balance home and work. Study paperwork and keep an eye on finances. Paying attention to details will pay off for you. A family member might require special handling. Be diplomatic but say what needs to be said.

For Entertainment Purposes Only



VACCINATED DOG — This little dog looks like a Shiba Inu. She appears to be housebroken, has all of her vaccinations, and is approximately one-year old. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

FRENCH TOAST WITH ORANGE

(Makes four 2-slice servings)

4 eggs
1 c. Minute Maid Premium frozen concentrated orange juice (undiluted)
1 t. fresh or dried grated orange peel
8 slices wheat or white bread
4 T margarine
Powdered sugar, orange marmalade or syrup (optional)

In medium bowl, beat eggs, orange juice and grated orange peel until blended. Arrange bread slices in 9"x13" baking dish. Pour egg mixture over bread. Cover and refrigerate at least one hour or overnight. Melt 2 T margarine over medium-high heat in a heavy large skillet. Add bread to pan in batches and cook until golden brown (about 2 minutes per side). Sprinkle with powdered sugar and serve with orange marmalade or syrup if desired.

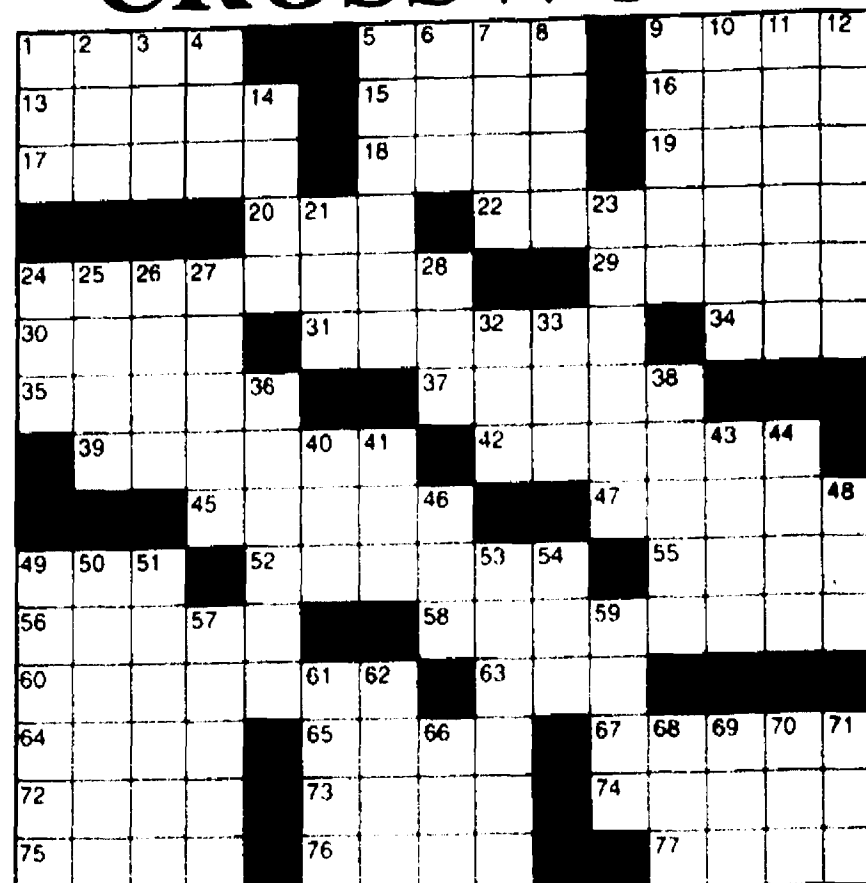
MINUTE MEDLEY FRUIT DRINK

(makes two 12-oz. servings)

1 c. plain low-fat yogurt
1 c. Minute Maid orange juice
1 c. fresh or frozen banana, mango, peach, strawberries or other fruit of your choice.

Combine ingredients into a blender and puree until smooth. Pour into two glasses.

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- For ... The Bell Tolls
- Auction shout
- Unfeeling
- Major artery
- Garfield's stooge
- ... more than bed" (Donne)
- Bodacious
- Snorkeler's delight
- Jet-setting jets
- Break bread
- Thoroughfares
- Played in the waves
- An Astaire
- The Tender
- Historian Tynbee
- Take-home pay
- Bumpkin
- Bide time
- Jeer
- Self-inflation
- Pinch
- Dummy Monitor
- Sounds of laughter
- AWOL in grammar school
- Actor Will
- Swiftly
- Comes down
- Spend like crazy
- Masseur's place of employment
- Cook quickly
- Neglect

DOWN

- Ghostly
- Mortar-mixing tool
- Hockey great Bobby
- Teen's channel choice (abbr.)
- Postal employee
- To Joy
- Falsehoods
- Skiffful
- ... out (defeated marginally)
- Like Charlie on Charlie's Angels
- Spirit
- Geological outcrop
- Affirmative votes
- Cry of triumph
- Walrus-talkies, e.g.
- Porker's place
- Jab
- Placid or Como
- Copycats
- Part of Watson and Crick's model (abbr.)
- Have liabilities
- Jet

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago May 2, 1974

Sixty-five friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Feldhauser, Sunday, April 21, to help his father, Rudolph Feldhauser, celebrate his 90th birthday. A buffet luncheon was served and the beautiful birthday cake, decorated with daffodils, was made by Martha Peterson. Rudy received a variety of memorable gifts, from a box of Copenhagen snuff, to a bouquet of fragrant Arbutus and declared the day a great happiness.

Kirtland Community College School of Cosmetology will hold its Fifth Annual Hairstyle Show on Friday, May 3rd, at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium on campus.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rose and family of Midland spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duby.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Paquette of Fraser and Mr. and Mrs. David Paquette of Ypsilanti were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Harwood over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Line of Ann Arbor spent the weekend at their cabin at K.P. Lake.

Mrs. Louise Dodd of California is visiting her sister Mrs. Violette Richards.

The Chief Shoppenagons Motor Hotel announces their original and fabulous Saturday Night Buffet, following dinner, for your listening and dancing pleasure, the sounds of "Sanctum".

Black and White Foodland has Jif Peanut Butter, the 18 ounce jar, for \$.69 and Banquet Frozen Pot Pies for \$.19 this week.

Willard Bosserman, the County extension agent for this area, recently visited the Grayling Elementary to show the students how to plant white pine seedlings. This was in celebration of Arbor Week. Each student in the fourth grade received a tree to take home and plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Papendick and daughter, Renee, returned home after a 17 day vacation trip to California where they visited their son, Russell, who is stationed at San Diego

with the Marines. They report that he is now an M.P. and will complete his enlistment in August. While there, they took in many of the tourist attractions, including Disneyland, Sea World, Knott's Berry Farm and Japanese Village. On their way home they stopped and visited Clarence's brother, the Victor Papendick family in Gurneem, Ill.

Mick Kucharek and Dale Papendick left last Thursday morning for special National Guard schooling at Aberdeen, Md.

Mike Hall is spending sometime at home on leave from the Air Force. He has been stationed in Mississippi but will go to Georgia following his leave.

Mrs. John Dyke and daughter, Tonya, of Traverse City, spent a couple of days last week with her parents, the Whitey Madsens.

46 Years Ago May 3, 1951

The Vaughn Weavers and Mrs. Robert Feldhauser spent the weekend at Buchanan. Mrs. Opal Hamblin was at the store during their absence.

Mrs. Ella Wilcox spent several days in Bay City last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Richard Snyder and daughter, Peggy. They spent the weekend here trout fishing.

Mr. and Norval Stephan announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Arlene, to Bernard John Fowler, son of the late William and Ella Fowler of Roscommon. A definite date for the wedding has not been set.

Miss Margrethe Nielsen resigned her position as cashier and director of Grayling State Savings Bank last Thursday, thereby terminating thirty consecutive years of banking, nineteen with Grayling State Savings Bank and eleven with the former Bank of Grayling.

Members of the Junior Class of Grayling High School are looking forward to this Saturday evening, as that is the night of the Junior Prom. Music will be by the Traverse City Music Makers.

Cleo Hinkle made a trip to Lansing last week.

Jack VanCovering of the Detroit Free Press and Bert Stoll of the Bay City Times were in the city for the weekend, covering the opening of trout season.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilson and son, Douglas, spent Sunday in Alpena visiting her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. George Granger and sons spent Sunday here visiting relatives. It was Mrs. Granger's birthday.

Jerry Larson was nine years old on Saturday and his mother, Mrs. Ernest Larson, invited in eighteen boys and girls to help him celebrate the occasion.

69 Years Ago May 3, 1928

Hans Peterson has completed transactions with the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. for the rental of his store building, the final papers for the lease being signed Tuesday evening.

Robert R. Pointer of West Branch was in the city Monday doing some missionary work in the interest of his candidacy for Republican nomination for the office of governor.

Those in the cast of the senior play, "The House of a Thousand Thrills", that is to be given Friday are Hazel Hunter, Ruth Chamberlain, Edward Mason, Earl Gierke, Miss Adams, Truman LaVack, Marius Hanson, Martha Bidvia, Ethel Taylor, Isbrand Harder and Marie Schmidt.

Alfred Bebb is driving a new Chevrolet closed truck.

Charles Floeter of South Branch is getting along nicely at Mercy Hospital.

Miss Naomi Hanson who has been employed as clerk at the Atkinson Grocery the past winter, returned to her home in Detroit, Sunday.

Mrs. Agnes Bissonette has just finished a course in practical nursing at Flint and is enjoying a two week vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul LaBrash.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Laurant of Big Rapids, motored here Saturday

and spent the day visiting the former's father, Mose Laurant and family.

Gen. Guy M. Wilson of Flint is spending a few days at the Recreation Club on the AuSable.

Mr. and Mrs. John Yuill of Vanderbilt spent the weekend with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ziebell.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Benore are new residents in Grayling. Mr. Benore has accepted a position as barber in the Cowell Barber Shop.

92 Years Ago April 13, 1905

Mrs. Amos is able to be out again after an illness of several weeks.

Miss Bertha Woodburn left Saturday to begin her school in Roscommon County.

Miss Ethel Hoyt began her second term school in the Horton School District in Frederic last week.

The Township board appointed Dr. W. M. Woodworth, Health Officer for the coming year.

John Rasmussen has sold the old Grayling house, corner of N. Michigan and the lots south of Burgess saloon to R. Hanson.

Word is received from the University that Thomas Wakeley was operated on April 1 and is doing nicely.

Supervisor J. J. Collen is moving to his place at the lake this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Hinckley are back home after spending the winter in the southern part of the state.

WEATHER

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4/28	58	25	.0"
4/29	63	31	.0"

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- How many black fish with white stripes?
- How many white fish with any color stripes?
- Find one fish with no stripes.
- How many fish are in the school?

Answers: 1. Nine, 2. Two, 3. Four, 4. One, 5. 22

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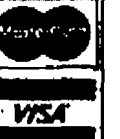
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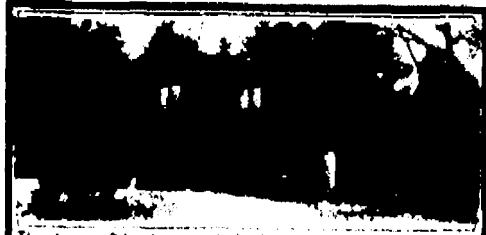
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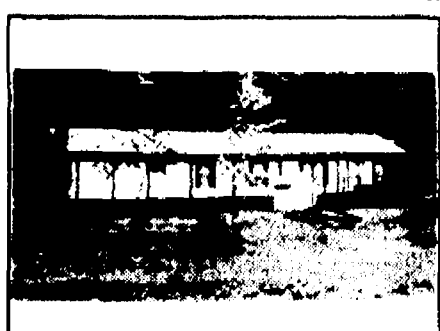
Bright and cheerful home

Has three bedrooms and easy-flowing floor plan. Refinished in 1994/95 featuring all new appliances, furnace, hot water tank, floor covering, cabinets, roof and much more. Also has two-car insulated garage and is located in a great subdivision. \$64,000. #4022



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Nice three-bedroom mobile home

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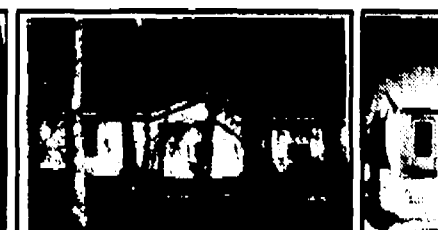


East Branch frontage

212' frontage on the AuSable River East Branch! This two-story home features a stone fireplace, satellite dish and a riverside deck. Also has many new items including carpeting, furnace, water heater, kitchen countertops and appliances. REDUCED, \$109,900. #4015



AFFORDABLE GET-AWAY! This two-bedroom mobile home comes mostly furnished. The log cabin has electricity, heater and well. Both rest on 1.8 acres. \$15,000. #3911



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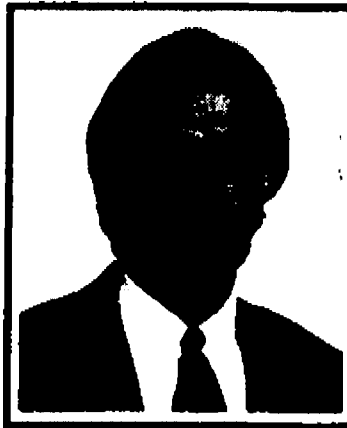
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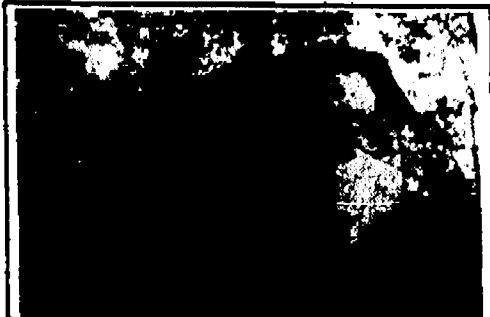
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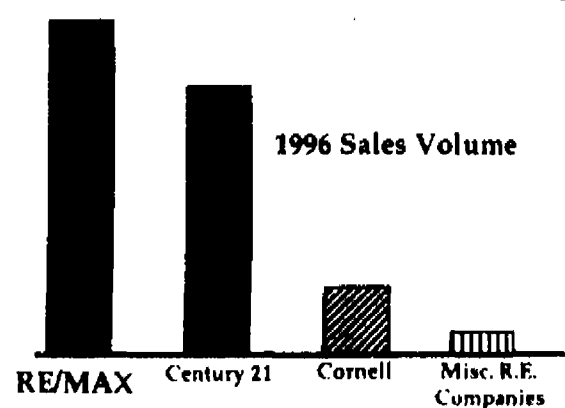
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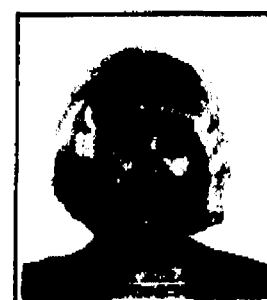
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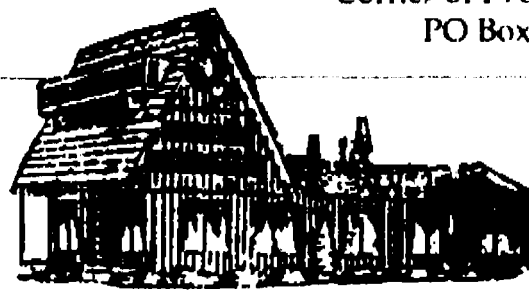
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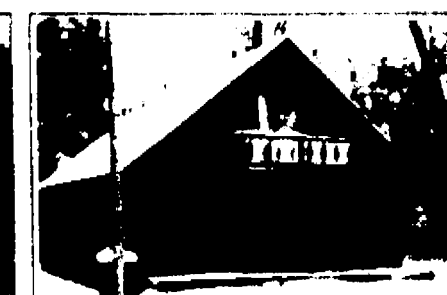
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CHALET with three bedrooms. Blacktop road, close to M-72. Branch, Big Creek, state land, snowmobile trails. Owner final price \$35,900. (LM-925)



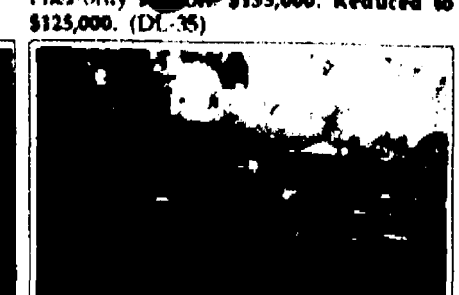
HOLY WATERS AuSable River, 10 acres with over 220' of shoreline. 1 1/2 baths, 1/2 car attached garage, large trees. Files only \$135,000. Reduced to \$125,000. (DL-35)



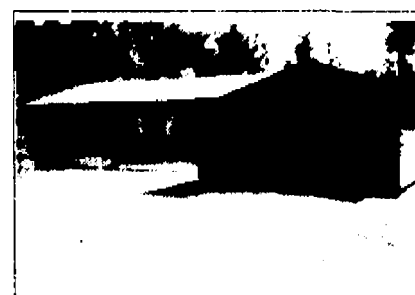
JEFFERS LANE One-half mile north of M-72 on Stephan Bridge Road puts this close to the AuSable River and state land. Located near the back of 2 1/2 acres. Large three-bedroom home with two baths, 24x26 garage. Gas and wood heat. \$67,500. Reduced to \$63,500. (DL-51)



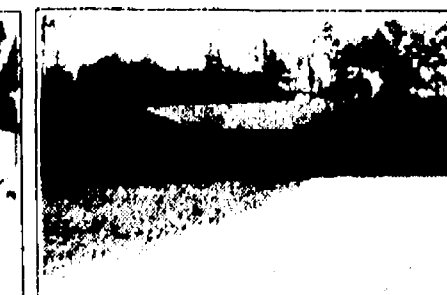
BEAUTIFUL SQUARE LOG HOME Two to three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, loft with walk-out balcony, wrap-around covered porch, 28x32 garage with 14x32 second-floor could be a guest room. Lake Margrethe view with close access. \$137,000. (SC-20)



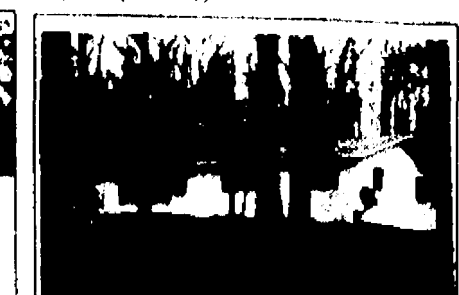
HUNTERS, FISHERMEN AND SNOWMOBILERS This home is located near Lovells and handy for the above. Over 1,400 sq. ft. with three bedrooms, fireplace and a large storage building. Nice lot on a county-maintained road. \$99,000. (LM-911)



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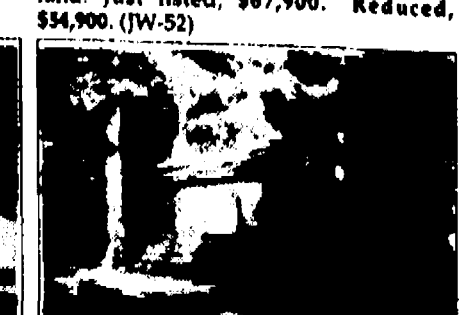
CLOSE TO LAKE MARGRETHE 1,328 sq. ft., three-bedroom ranch with 1 1/2 car attached garage, southern yellow pine floors, hand-hewn woodstove, many extras, new roofing. Adjoins state land. Just listed, \$67,900. Reduced, \$54,900. (JW-52)



AUSABLE RIVER HOME 2,286 sq. ft. oak cabinets and trim, hi-tech heating system, three bedrooms, two baths, 24x32 garage, vinyl siding. \$79,500. Reduced to \$70,000. (MC-454)



FAMILY HOME 1,800 sq. ft. with four bedrooms and a 24x32 garage. Ten acres of land and a pond. Lots of remodeling. \$99,900. (DL-32)



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-1/2

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3. Employment

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-17-24-1-8/3

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-24-1/3

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-24-1/3

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-1-8/3

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-17-24-1/3

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10. Garage Sales

KITCHEN APPLIANCES, upright antique piano, counter top (formica), washer and dryer, double sink, knitting machine, childrens clothes. Center Street, Frederic. Follow signs. Sat. & Sun. only. -1/10

MAY 1-12 to 5 p.m. May 2-9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 3-9 a.m. to 12 p.m. 146 South Wakeley Bridge Rd., Grayling. -1/10

GARAGE SALE: 805 Erie Street. Boy & Girls Clothes ages 1-13. Baby stuff, lots of other goodies. May 2-3. -1/10

MOVING SALE: May 3 & 4, 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Hartwick Pines Mobile Estates. Follow signs. -1/10

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11. Automotive

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10. Garage Sales

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